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On an otherwise overcast day, the columns of the Administration building stand out from a patch of blue sky. The columns are often one of the first things that students notice as they come on campus, standing tall on the hill of Locust Ave.

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As a new year starts, freshman arrive on campus without a clue of what's to come, and returning students come back to what many people consider their second home, a comfortable place, Fairmont State.

Arriving on campus, many changes have taken place over the last year, with still more to come. The parking garage and new entranceway and parking lots are complete, increasing students' chances of parking and making it to class on time, and the new recreation center is scheduled to be completed in December of 2004.

Fairmont State, which is no longer a college as it has now reached University status, isn't just changing on the outside, but on the inside as well, with additions and merges of departments, we can only

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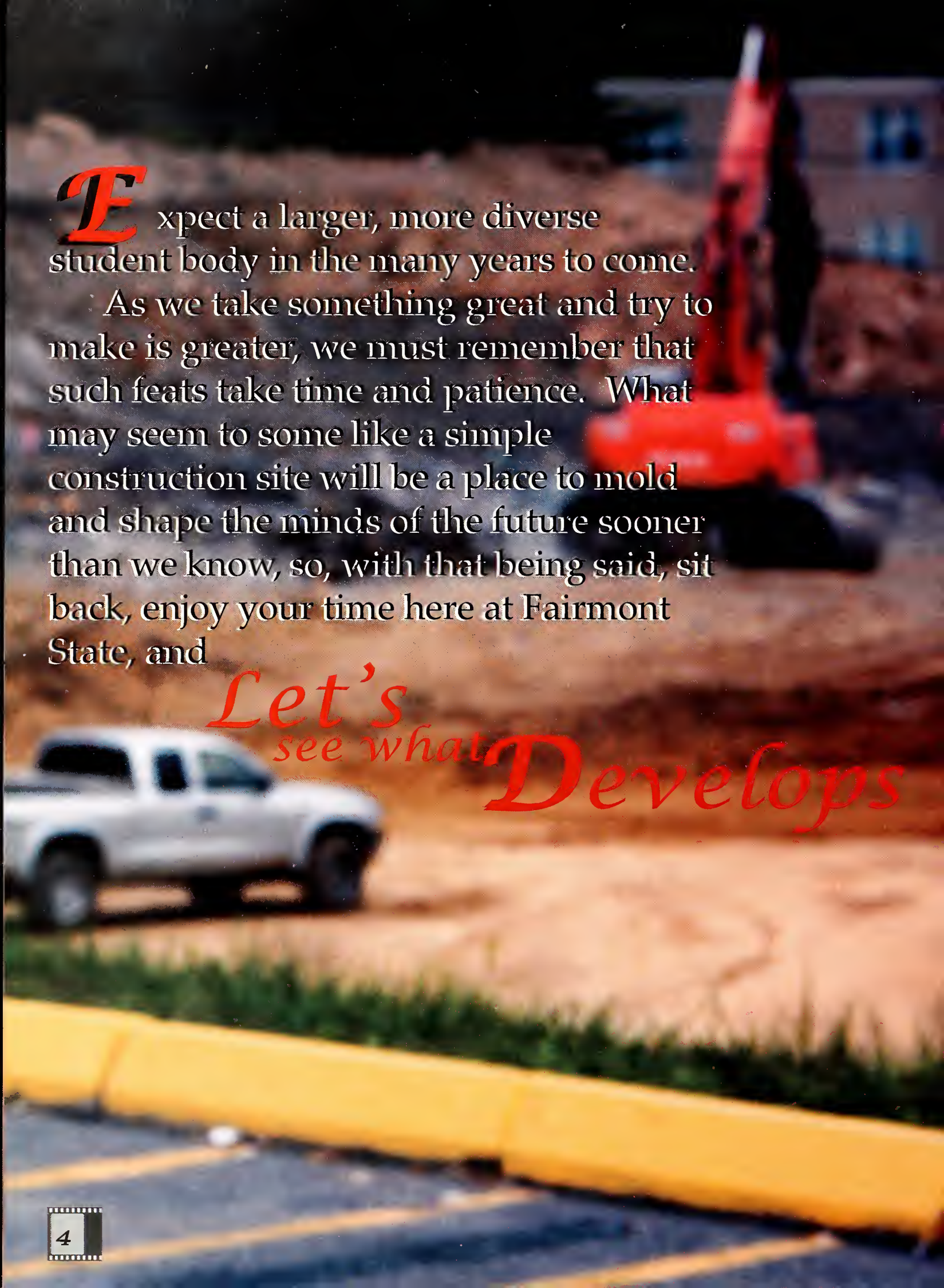

Expect a larger, more diverse student body in the many years to come.

As we take something great and try to make is greater, we must remember that such feats take time and patience. What may seem to some like a simple construction site will be a place to mold and shape the minds of the future sooner than we know, so, with that being said, sit back, enjoy your time here at Fairmont State, and

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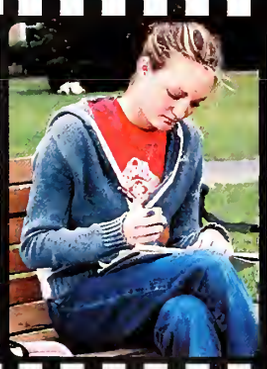
With so many changes taking place on campus, student parking is very limited. Most students have to allow themselves 10-15 extra minutes just to find a parking space and walk to class.

Madonna Cook glances at her work as she composes a picture for her architechtural history class.



Theresa Basile smiles as she is crowned 2003 Homecoming queen by 2002 queen Brandis Trickett.

JC VanSlyke relaxes after a long conference at College Media Day at Clarion University in Clarion, PA.

Student Life

Developing a lifestyle

During the carnival, JP Audia gets pumped up for the weeks festivities.

FS cheerleader Julie Drelick supports the football team during the Homecoming carnival.

Morgan Hill and Evan Kelch rehearse for the corwning of the 2003 Homecoming king and queen.

Orientation A Great Start

By: Jalane Gump

On August 27, 2003 the campus began to fill with new students entering the fall semester at Fairmont State. Orientation is a great experience for transfer students and for incoming freshman. "It was a privilege to work as a New Student Orientation Counselor. I was really glad to be able to give the same experience to these freshman as I had when I first came to Fairmont State. My job as well as the other counselors was to help ease the freshman into college life. Overall, I think orientation was a huge success," proclaimed Jalena Gump. Orientation not only introduces these new students to the campus, but it also introduces them to faculty and encourages them to make friends.

While students began moving into the dorms, the New Student Orientation Counselors helped them carry their luggage. During the evenings there were many festivities taking place on campus including a picnic at Duvall-Rosier field followed by a variety show in Colebank Gym.

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New Student Orientation Counselor Melissa Melvin speaks to this year's freshman class to make them feel as at home as possible at Fairmont State.

Mr. Micheal Belmear speaks with Lewam Assefaw about the days planned activites. Orientation counselors helped new students with everything from moving into their dorm rooms to showing them around campus.

The New Student Orientation Counselors put on variety show with President Bradley.

Orientation

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A Great Start

Tuesday evening included WebCT training, a general meeting of all the new students, and several awareness skits performed by the New Student Orientation Counselors. One of the students favorite aspects of the orientation week was all the free stuff they got handed to them. They were rewarded with everything from free cheeseburgers from Burger King to laundry bags to tanning sessions.

Orientation proved itself successful as usual. Providing a fun start to college for all the new students.

Homecoming Let's Go Crazy!

By: Kelly A. Rothrock

"Let's Go Crazy" was the popular phrase and theme spreading around campus during Homecoming week held from September 29- October 4.

Homecoming 2003 began on Monday evening with the annual candidates' dinner and special guest, hypnotist Thomas Bresadola. Tuesday's events consisted of a pep rally and carnival complete with home-made games set up by various student organizations, free food, inflatable games, a performance by the FS band, spirit stick competition, cheers lead by the award winning FS cheerleaders, the introduction of the football team, and other student oriented activities. A campus food drive was held on Wednesday with prizes awarded to Residence Life

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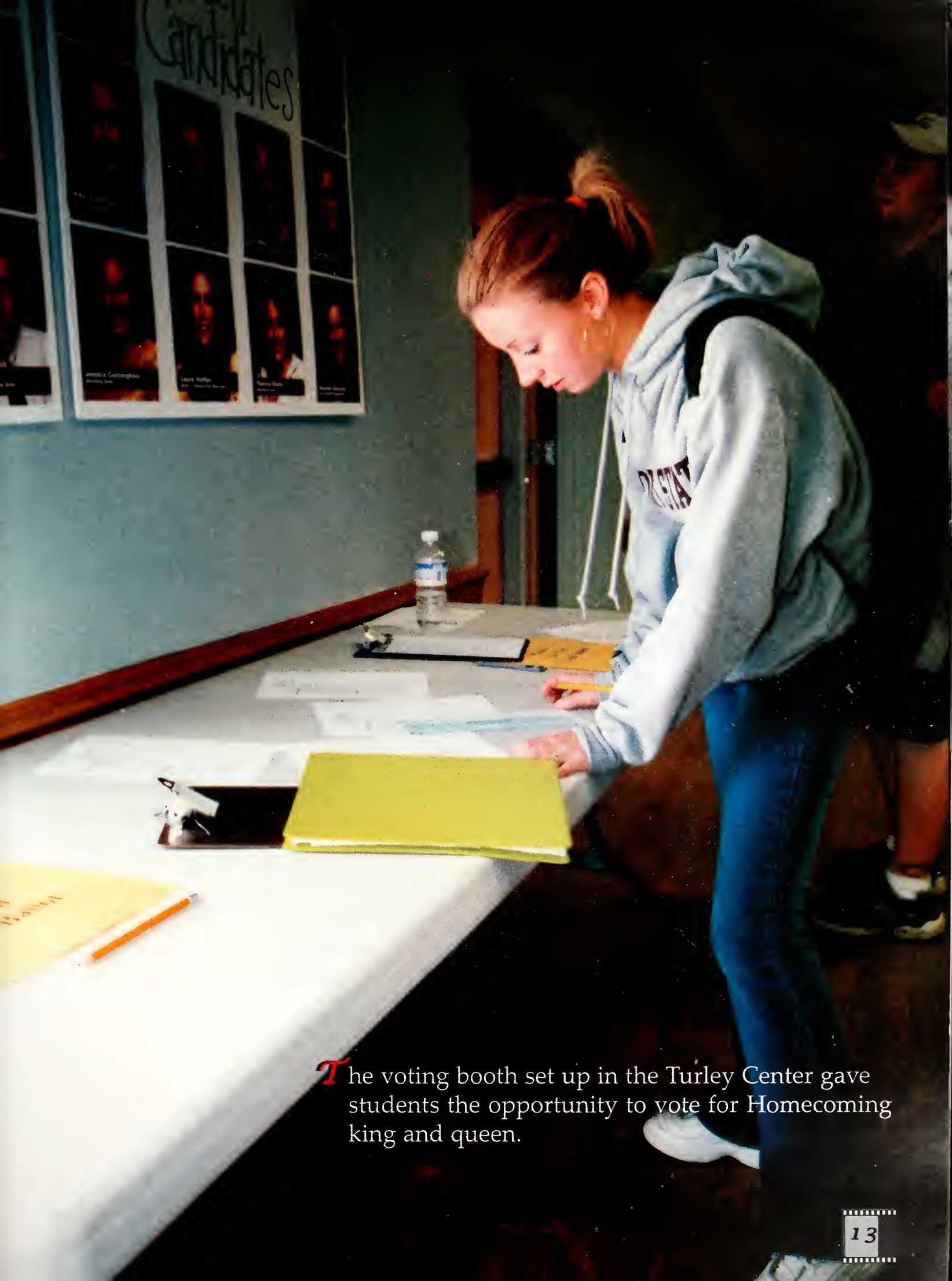

The voting booth set up in the Turley Center gave students the opportunity to vote for Homecoming king and queen.

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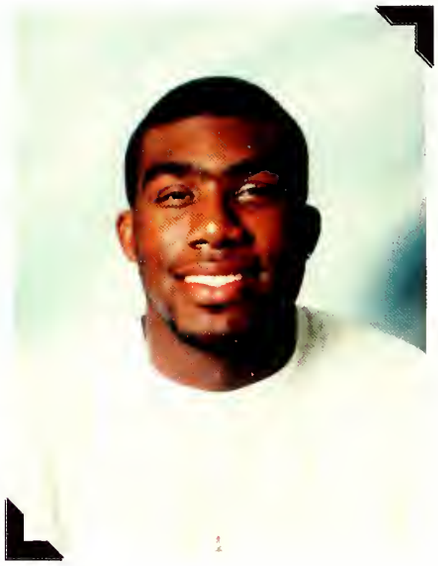
Homecoming Queen
Theresa Basile
Residence Life



Homecoming King
Isiah Grant
Residence Life

Nikki Braithwaite
Ballroom Dancing

Jessica Cunningham
Marching Band

Lisa Ferrell
Kappa Delta Pi

Brian Mink
Phi Sigma Phi

Amrita Rajkhowa
UNSO

Lance Reczynski
Tau Kappa Epsilon

Shannon Richards
Delta Zeta

Jonathan Rundle
CAOS

Jesse Simon
Kappa Delta Pi

Kelly Sipes
CAOS

Laurie Steffan
Delta Xi Omicron

Travis Toothman
Marching Band

Homecoming Princess
Morgan Hill
Sigma Sigma Sigma

Knight of Honor
Jason Raimey
Tau Beta Iota

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for the most food collected and the most mystery food, and CAOS for the most unique food collected. King and Queen voting was held on Thursday along with the downtown Homecoming Parade held on Thursday evening. Winners of the parade float competition were Tau Kappa Epsilon coming in third place, Alpha Sigma Tau and Sigma Tau Gamma with second place, and Tau Beta Iota and Delta Xi Omega coming in with first place.

Falcon Day was held on Friday followed by the Homecoming dance held from 9-12midnight at Westchester Village. All the excitement of the previous week built up to the final day which held in store the Homecoming Game, FSC v. Shepard, the crowning of Homecoming King and Queen, and the after-party dance held in the Turley Ballroom.

The candidates for 2003 Homecoming King were Jesse Simon, Kappa Delta Pi, Brian Mink, Phi Sigma Phi, Jason Raimey, TBI/DXO,

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Representing Residence Life, Homecoming Queen Theresa Basile is crowned by last years queen Brandis Trickett. Also representing Residence Life was Homecoming King Isiah Grant.

The Homecoming crowd, including students, faculty, staff, alumni, parents and community members, watched the FS Fighting Falcons take on the Shepherd Rams. Photo by Tosha Halstead.

The Falcons bravely battled the Rams on game day. Photo by John Piscitelli.

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Lance Reczynski, TKE/EEE, Travis Toothman, Marching Band, Jonathan Rundle, CAOS, Carlos Ballester, UNSO, and Isiah Grant, Residence Life. Queen candidates were Kelly Sipes, CAOS, Theresa Basile, Residence Life, Trisha Wells, Alpha Sigma Tau, Amrita Rajkhowa, United Nations Student Organizations, Laurie Steffan, DXO/TBI, Morgan Hill, EEE/TKE, Lisa Ferrell, Kappa Delta Pi, Shannon Richards, Delta Zeta, Jessica Cunningham, Marching Band, and Nikki Braithwaite, Ballroom dancing.

Isaiah Grant, a business major from Hopewell, VA, was crowned Homecoming king, along with Theresa Basile, a health science major from Clarksburg, WV, who was crowned Homcoming queen.

Despite the Falcon football loss to Shepherd, 28-0, "Let's Go Crazy" 2003 was still considered a success by students and faculty alike.

Art On the Quad

By: Kelly A. Rothrock

To a non-FS student, the Quad may look like a simple yard with a few picnic tables, benches, and some unique pieces of art on occasion, but to many FS students, the Quad is so much more.

Art students often display their creativity on the quad for the entire campus to enjoy. Most non-art students rarely enter Wallman Hall, but by displaying their pieces on the Quad, many more students are able to appreciate the beautiful pieces of art.

The Quad is also home to "the bell." Once located across from Jaynes Hall, the bell needed to be moved to make way for the new parking garage project. But the bell on the quad was not an ordinary bell. To many fraternities and sororities, it is an idol. Each week, fraternities and sororities race to turn the bell into an eye-catching masterpiece by painting their letters on the bell in a variety of colors, in an attempt to spread their group's name across campus. It is not as simple as it sounds. Battles often break out over who has rights to the bell. Battles somtimes include water balloons, squirt guns, snowballs, and even eggs, but sophomore Kenny Cole said, "It's all in fun." There is also the "unwritten rule" that the bell has to be painted before 8:00 a.m.

Other students utilize the picnic tables and benches located on the quad to study, read, or just relax on warm, sunny days. The Quad also serves as a social meeting spot for students to catch up on each others' busy and oh-so-dramatic lives.

In addition to personal student use, the quad is home to events sponsored by various student groups, Student Government, a September 11th memorial service, and occasional lunchtime entertainment during the warmer months.

Sophomore Orin Kincade places another stone in a labyrinth that his Design Fundamentals for Architecture class created on the quad. Kincade, along with members of his group, designed the maze on paper, and brought it to life using stones. Photo by Nathan Morgan

Senior Lois Peterson works to complete two masterpieces: her latest art project and her education. Photos by Nathan Morgan.

Ken Sapp, a first year nursing student, studies hard between classes.

No matter the age

Non Traditional Students

By: Katie Wilson

At Fairmont State, like many other colleges across the country, the fastest growing student population isn't freshmen right out of high school, it is non-traditional students. These students have been out of the classroom for a few years. Non-traditional students are 25 or older and many have other jobs and children to care for in addition to their college classes.

For many people, getting a college education is a given; you grow up knowing that you'll go to college right after high school, get a job and live out the rest of your life. This isn't always the way life goes. Family concerns, personal choices and financial limitations sometimes get in the way, and college just isn't a feasible option right after high school. Maybe that great job that you landed when you were 18 isn't there anymore. What do you do? The answer to that question for many is to go to college.

Anne Starks is a senior business education major who will graduate in December 2004. Starks is a youthful, active woman with two grown daughters. She also cares for her grandson in addition to her college coursework. Starks worked in office administration for many years before she decided to go back to school.

"I hit a glass ceiling. I couldn't go any further unless I had more education," Starks said. "When I graduate, I'll be able to work in business, go back to office administration or teach. College has given me so many opportunities."

Sometimes, life's little surprises can give you the urge to better yourself. Staci Greene is a sophomore nursing major. She decided to go back to school after having a child and getting divorced. Now, her son is 5 years old and she is planning to get remarried. She wants to give her son a better life and believes that a college degree will help her do that.

"I don't want my son to do without," Greene said. "A better job will help me build a better life for him."

Katherine Perkins knows all about life's little surprises and how they can change a person's life. During her junior year, she got married, and then got pregnant. Dropping out of school and moving closer to her family seemed to be the best decision. Now, four years after the birth of their daughter, Perkins and her husband have moved back to Fairmont so that she can finish her elementary education degree.

"We wanted a better life. I'm closer to getting my degree than he is, so I'm finishing first," Perkins said.

Going back to class when you're in your late twenties or thirties or even older can be a nerve-wracking experience. Dealing with financial aid, the bookstore, learning college procedures and dealing with unfamiliar technology can be frightening for 18-year-old freshmen, but even more so for someone who's older and has been out of the classroom for years. At Fairmont State, the Non-Traditional Student Society is there to provide support and guidance. Also, there are many online support services for non-trads.

Construction For the Future

By: Ryan King

Fairmont State has become the location of a future in the making. In the words of FS President Dr. Daniel Bradley, "Most students are excited at the beginning of the semester to be here. It's exciting because you never know what is going to happen." Bradley's statement was especially accurate for the 2003-2004 year; students became excited with the anticipation of all the changes that were planned as part of the 10-year master plan for the institution. Onlookers during the beginning of the project waited to see the final results as buildings were demolished, roads were moved, and rumors circulated as to what the future might hold.

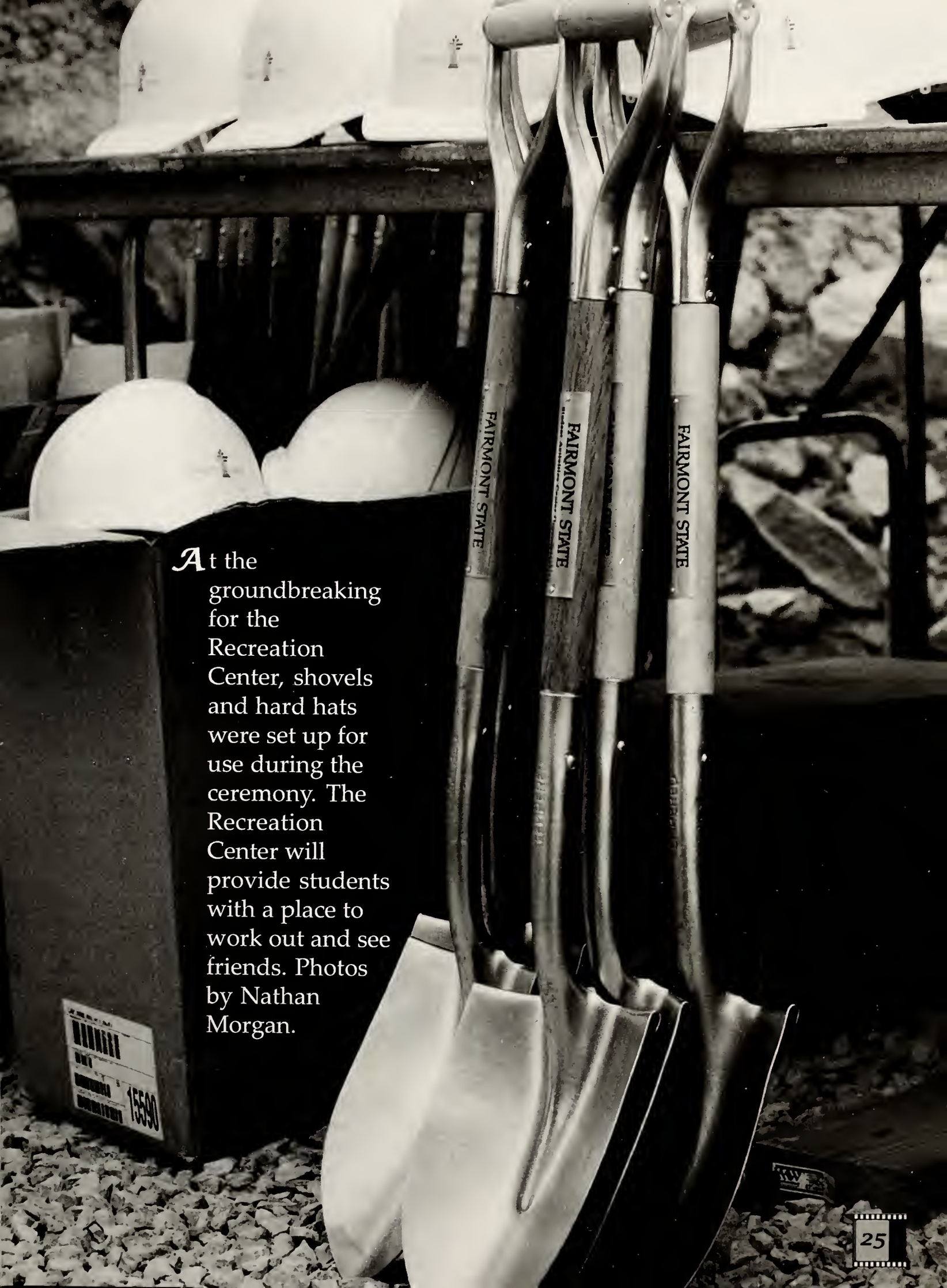
One alteration that affected students directly was the new suite style dorms that were to be completed behind the parking garage on Bryant Street in front of Morrow and Prichard halls. These dorms were planned in anticipation of the rising student population and were intended to be completed for the fall semester of 2004. The dorms were only one aspect of the several modifications that were to occur during the construction.

As construction began, traffic became an annoyance for anyone trying to maneuver around campus. Roads that were commonly used by drivers on campus were blocked or completely removed, sometimes making the remaining infrastructure frustrating. The west entranceway onto campus was completely re-routed so that the roads led to parking faster. Traffic no longer had to drive completely around campus to reach the parking lots.

As traffic became a difficulty for Fairmont State, so did the parking. The rising student population was only going to increase this problem. In response to this, the plans for campus incorporated a parking garage on the east side of campus. As the problem of parking increased so did the priority of completing the garage. The garage was completed and opened to traffic in March 2004.

Despite all the changes that were already occurring, probably none of the transformations were as exciting to students as the student recreation center, planned to be completed in December 2004. The student center was to include a track, pool, sundeck, weight room, an improved dining center, the bookstore, and possibly include other opportunities for student life.

The recreation center will be the most cultural improvement for Fairmont State College directly, but the most significant change that was planned to occur overall was not anything included in any construction plan. "Our peers in other states are already universities. To audiences out of state our name makes us appear less than we are," said President Bradley. This 'false appearance' was supposed to change as Fairmont State worked towards university status, and awaited state approval. Fairmont State would be a thing of the past as it moved into the future as Fairmont State University.



At the groundbreaking for the Recreation Center, shovels and hard hats were set up for use during the ceremony. The Recreation Center will provide students with a place to work out and see friends. Photos by Nathan Morgan.

*M*ichael Batiste works as a salesman at Kay Jewelers in the Morgantown Mall. Students who work in order to attend school must create a balance between work and class work. Photos by Nathan Morgan

*B*rian Wallace roasts some red peppers at Madeline's Restaurant and Wine Cellar in Morgantown.

On The Job

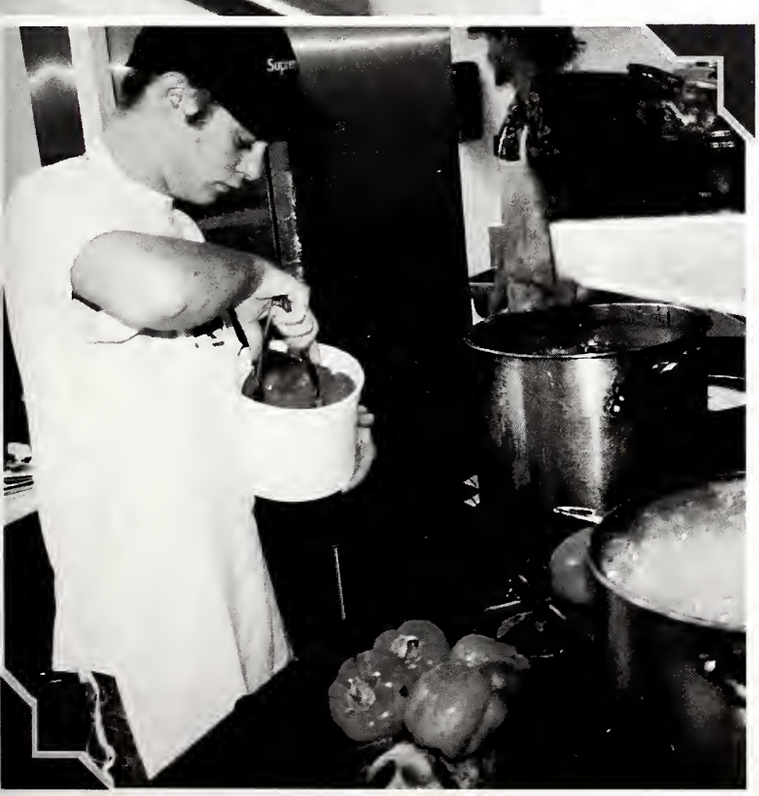
Balancing your time

By: Kelly A. Rothrock

Most students would agree that college itself is like a full-time job. It's the place students go to each week, and the place students exert so much of their hard-earned energy. So, what happens when students need to make the decision to take on another job?

First Central Bank employee and FS student Nikki Rinehart had no trouble balancing a job and school. Rinehart worked as a teller for 20 to 23 hours per week on her off days from school. Not only did she earn money to pay bills and have some extra cash, but Rinehart was fortunate enough to have a boss who was very willing to work around her school schedule.

Jackie Rodriguez, a junior accounting major, also found balancing a job and school to be simple. Rodriguez worked at Main Street Sweets; a family business owned by her father. Rodriguez worked mornings from 3:00-8:00 a.m. on Tuesdays through Saturdays. After work, she'd go to school, and then have the rest of the afternoon and evening to study and complete her school work. Her boss/father definitely supported her in her balancing act with school and a job, and provided her with the occasional benefit of free doughnuts.



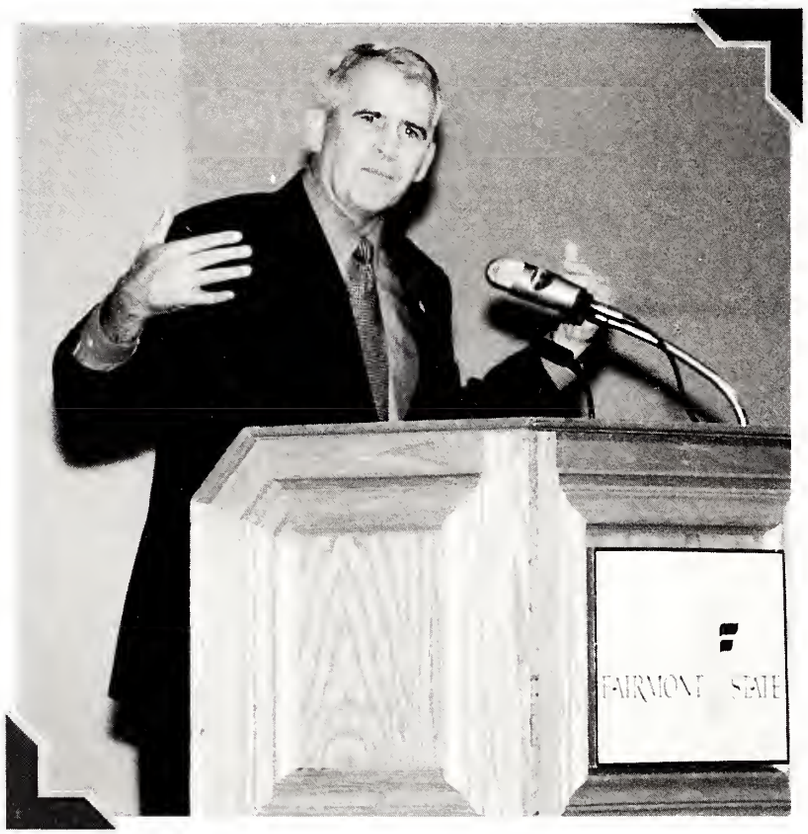
However, it wasn't near as easy for non-traditional freshman Krista Balasko. Not only did Balasko carry a 19-hour schoolwork load, but also carried 40 hours a week at her full-time job at Ruby Memorial Hospital as the lead medical record assistant. In addition to school and work, Balasko managed to continue being a loving and supportive wife and mother. Study time was not easy for her to find, but she did find that she could study on and off during work, while her children were sleeping, and even study with her children. Aside from getting a paycheck, Balasko reaped the benefit of being reimbursed 80% of her education costs as long as she maintained at least a C average.

Whatever the situation, FS students knew exactly what needed to be done to successfully balance school, a job, and life.

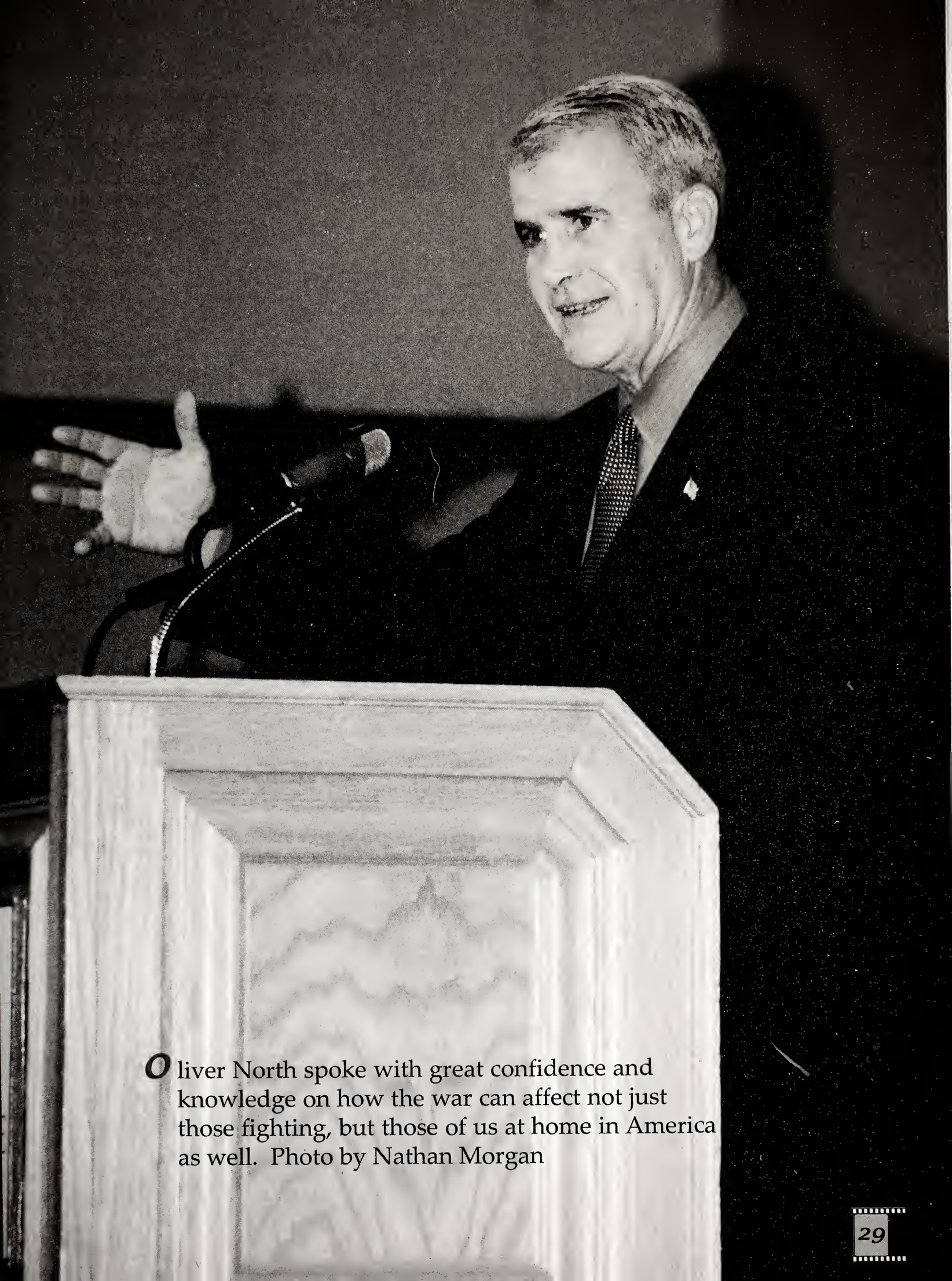
Oliver North Celebration Of Ideas

By: Kelly A. Rothrock

Welcomed with an immediate standing ovation, former Marine and news broadcaster Oliver North spoke to Fairmont State students, faculty, and community members about the issues of war that America has been faced with, and what it meant to students. In addition to the war, North spoke about heroism and gave praise to America. North was invited to speak by FS Student Government as part of the Celebration of Ideas lecture series. North, also known as "Ollie North" began his presentation with light, comedic comments with a few occasional promos for his show on the FOX network in a successful attempt to gain the attentionand interest of the full audience seated in Colebank Gym. After several episodes of laughter and clapping, North switched to more serious topics. While maintaining a positive tone, he shared his experiences as a Marine and a broadcaster, the significance the war had on the lives of students, and explained what exactly was going on in the Middle East. FSC senior David Rodriguez was pleased with the topics North chose to speak about, and Rodriguez said, "I was glad he spoke on relevant issues." Rodriguez also agreed with North's take on the war: "I have friends in the Gulf and I've talked to them. The media is not portraying what's really going on over there; we're kicking butt."



North ended his presentation with a reminder that America is truly a great country, and North was once again thanked by those in attendance with another standing ovation. Following his presentation, North addressed a few questions and had a book signing session. Junior Josh Groves was so intrigued by what North had to say that he bought his book that day, which supported North's charity, which awards scholarships for youths whose parents are killed in the line of duty.



Oliver North spoke with great confidence and knowledge on how the war can affect not just those fighting, but those of us at home in America as well. Photo by Nathan Morgan

The Activities Fair is held annually to showcase student organizations. Each year, organizations set up a table in an effort to increase membership and awareness. Photos by John Piscitelli.

Members of Chi Alpha, an on-campus Christian ministry program, speak to prospective members

Activities Fair

Get yourself involved!

By: Brian T. Wallace

The quad filled up quickly as organizations and clubs from all over campus set up tables and booths to promote what they stood for and what they had planned for the upcoming year on campus.

An all-day event, the Activities Fair proved to be a favorite among all students, who kept club members busy all day by collecting information on clubs they found interesting.

The Columns student newspaper editor-in-chief Brad Fox said, "I enjoy the Activities Fair every year. It's a good way to get people interested and involved in what's going on around our campus."

The Activities Fair is an annual event so don't forget to check it out in the future, and get involved!

Awareness Week

By: Ryan King

In the phenomenal snow storm during the winter of 2002-2003, a Fairmont State College student, Trisha Beth Perkins, died in her car, which was buried in the snowfall. She had left a party intoxicated prior to the incident and got into the passenger side of her half-buried car. Apparently, snow blocked the exhaust pipe of her car and it is believed that the cause of death was carbon monoxide poisoning. Her state of intoxication may have prevented her from acting in a manner that otherwise may have saved her life. This is one instance where better judgment was impaired by alcohol.

Incidents such as that are tragic and unnecessary. More than ten years ago, Fairmont State instituted Alcohol, Substance Abuse, and Sexuality Awareness Week in an attempt to prevent such unfortunate scenarios from occurring. This week of educational events has become an annual tradition held each year in October. Throughout the week there was an information booth in the Turley Center, where brochures and other information on the topics were handed out. The booth also told of any upcoming events during the week. These events included everything from banana splits to a Mix-Off.

The week started off with the "Fairmont State Story." This consisted of inmates from Pruntytown Correctional Center telling their stories of how the use drugs and alcohol contributed to their jail sentences. The inmates had a variety of somber, yet influential stories that explained why students should not make the same mistakes that they had. Bring Your Own Banana was an hour of ice cream and toppings for banana splits, promoting ways to have fun without alcohol.

Educational events continued with "The Cycle of Violence: Are You In It?" presented by speaker Michelle McCord and consisting of stories and explanations of physical abuse. Then on the following day, "Dazed and Confused: What Really Happens When Students Are Intoxicated?" was a presentation given by Amy Sidwell. It was targeted to inform students about the effects that alcohol and other substances could have on their bodies.

The finale of the week was a dance held in the Colebank Gym with Lacy Neff of WVAQ. Several fraternities and sororities and other campus institutions competed in teh traditional Mix-Off to see who could make the best non-alcoholic drink. There was also a competition to see who made the best banner, promoting the messages of the week's theme such as "High on life, not on drugs and alcohol." These competitions gave the opportunity to win cash prizes. The dance was a powerful way to conclude the week.

Over time, a well-known stereotype that college student life involves a lot of drugs and alcohol became common. These factors, at times, have annoyed the rest of society. In certain instances though, it has become more than a simple annoyance. At times it has become dangerous to those students and anyone around them. Many people may have thought that problems such as these were far from them, that they were "too smart" to ever let anything very serious happen. This week of information was developed to dispel that idea.

*M*arcie Cox enjoys a banana split at the Bring Your Own Banana ice cream social that is a traditional part of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Awareness Week. Photos by John Piscitelli.

Some commuters' parking woes were eased when the first level of the parking garage opened in March. Photos by Nathan Morgan.

The parking garage helped to alleviate parking problems all over campus.

Getting There Commuters

By: Katie Wilson

We all complain at one time or another about parking, traffic jams, cancelled classes, or weather. For some of us, these everyday problems are just minor interruptions in the flow of our day. For those students that drive long distances to get to school, these issues aren't just inconveniences, they're major problems.

We've all had a class or two with a student that travels from outlying areas, such as Elkins, Buckhannon, Kingwood, Hundred or Weston. Even more common are the students who travel from Bridgeport, Clarksburg, Morgantown or the outlying areas of Marion County, like Mannington. The simple fact is that Fairmont State is a commuter school. More students travel in to school every day than live in the dorms or in the city of Fairmont. These students come up with creative ways to make their drives easier on them, their wallets and their families.

Jeff Riffle lives near the Monongalia–Preston County line. In bad weather, he may not be able to get off the hill he lives on, let alone drive the 45-minute trip to get to school. Riffle only goes to school on Tuesdays and Thursdays, partially because of the long trip.

"Going to school only twice a week helps with the driving, but also allows me to spend more time with my family," Riffle says.

Parking can be an annoyance for those students that don't live far away, but if you've driven an hour or more to get to school, finding a parking space isn't just a nice bonus, it's a necessity.

"I leave by six o'clock every morning and I'm parked here at 7," Riffle said. "I listen to lots of talk radio; it makes the time go by faster."

Brenda Barrows has lots of time on her hands; she drives approximately two and a half hours, one way, to get to school. Barrows lives in East Dailey, about 35 minutes away from Snowshoe. Each day, she spends about 5 hours in the car, driving to and from school.

To help her keep the cost of her commute low, Barrows drives a 1994 Toyota Tercel to school.

"It's so economical," she says. "I drive my Honda Odyssey at home, but I just couldn't afford to put gas in it for the trip to school every day."

Barrows spends about $25 per week in gas for her Tercel. She estimates gas for the Odyssey would cost her about $80 a week. That extra fifty dollars or so helps to keep her Tercel in good shape.

"It's showing its age; it's not the most attractive car, but it gets me where I need to go," Barrows laughs.

For commuting students like Barrows, evening classes can be especially hard. If she doesn't get out of class until 9 p.m. she won't get home until about 11:30 p.m. She leaves her house by 6:30 to make it to class every day. That doesn't leave much time for homework or family life, but the importance of a college degree keeps her going.

College students are frequently known as great adapters. We adapt to different professors, different types of classes, and different social and academic situations. We can adapt to most anything, even if it means we have to leave our homes an hour or two earlier.

Celebrating History

By: Jessica Lawson

As the cold hand of a February winter settled upon us, we were warmed with wonderful memories, as well as current, that Black History Month gives us.

Although many African Americans agree Black History Month should be observed and taught all year long, we can only appreciate what little time we have to incorporate important facts as well as significant African American people of the past and present into the education of our youth and ourselves.

Many people argue Black History Month shouldn't be in the month of February because of the short 28 days, but in fact February was deemed Black History Month because of ruary was deemed Black birthdays; Frederick two important role models' Lincoln were both born in the Douglass and Abraham this month the importance to month of February, giving History Month. have it celebrated as Black

"My hope and desire is that one day it will no longer be Black History Month because one day I hope it is a part of all history," Professor Gregory Hinton, who was awarded the National Leadership Award in 2002, replied. "...[black youth] need role models so they can see who they are [African American] and what they can become," Hinton responded on the importance of children being taught black history in schools. Hinton believes that we should include the importance of African American cans in today's history lessons for our children because if we don't, black children as well as white will grow up to believe the same stereotypes and have the same prejudices we have tried so hard to diminish in society.

African Americans have made many contributions to society. Have you ever heard the expression "the real McCoy?" An inventor, Elijah McCoy had the greatest number of patents for his time. His was the standard upon which people based their inventions after... and black. The first person to have successfully completed open heart surgery...black. The founder of the great city of Chicago...black. And a very important fact that all Fairmont State students should know is that the first African American mayor of a large city in the state of West Virginia is a professor that they have probably already had as an instructor. Prof. Gregory Hinton held the office of mayor of Fairmont from Jan. 1983 to Jan. 1985.

West Virginia is home to nearly 60,000 African Americans, and every single one of them has a considerable importance to the heritage and ancestry of this state. As we continue to remember and appreciate African Americans of the past remember those who we see every day, whether in the paper, on TV, in a magazine, or even around campus.

Professor Greg Hinton is a well-known face around Fairmont State. Many alumni have fond memories of Dr. Hinton's classes or his exuberant greetings outside of classes. Photos by Nathan Morgan

The brand new sign to mark the President's parking space was one of the first changes made on campus. Photos by Nathan Morgan.

The new parking garage is a real asset for the new Fairmont State.

Making The Change

By: Jessica Lawson

Fairmont State was the home of many changes this year, including a major name change. Fairmont State College became Fairmont State University when Governor Bob Wise signed Senate Bill 448 on Wednesday, April 7.

Some of the changes include altering signs and letterhead. These changes were easier and cheaper to make because of the construction. Most of the signs had already been torn down, and the letterhead already said Fairmont State. In addition to the new signs and letterhead, Fairmont State students will be able to enjoy a new website, a new dorm and a new student recreation center.

All of these changes to FSU should be completed by the fall 2004 semester, except the student center. You can expect to see more about Fairmont State University and Fairmont State Community & Technical College as the transition continues to take place. The bill alters the governance structure for the state's community college system. For Fairmont State Community & Technical College, the most immediate change is that Blair Montgomery, who has served as FSC&TC Provost, becomes the first FSC&TC President and will report directly to the Fairmont State Board of Governors.

"We at Fairmont State Community & Technical College have been extremely fortunate to have the great degree of autonomy we have had for the past 30 years," said Montgomery. "We anticipate continued growth and expansion of our services to the citizens of North Central West Virginia."

The name change does not alter the funding base or allocation levels for FSU nor does it change any academic offerings or raise student tuition rates. The name "Fairmont State" will continue to be used when referring to both institutions together and their shared facilities.

"We appreciate the support and enthusiasm of our students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends as we have made the journey toward this historic name change," said Dr. Daniel J. Bradley, FSU President. "Changing our name from college to university will assist in our efforts to attract students from out of state for future growth and better reflects the range and quality of the programs we offer. The name change better reflects who we are; it doesn't change who we are."

President Bradley and President Montgomery want to assure the campus and the community that they will continue to work closely together to serve the region's citizens and businesses.

Diversity International Education Week

By: Macole Bunner

Fairmont State offered a variety of events to celebrate International Week. The festivities offered during the week-long celebration featured international education, traditions, and cultures.

The week was sponsored by the International Education Committee, International Student Center, the United Nations Student Organization (UNSO), the office of Multicultural Affairs and the Student Government. All the events were open and free for the public also.

The week's festivities started out on Tuesday with a presentation in Multi-Media room A on "How to Study Abroad", which focused on the opportunities for students to study in other countries and what financial aid is available, and focused in on the experiences of FS students who have participated in the program.

Wednesday was dedicated to international movies such as "Bend It Like Beckham," an English movie that came out in 2002, which is a story set in London about soccer and love between two different cultures, English and Indian. "Caravan" followed, which is a Nepali Dialect with English subtitles that came out in 2000, which tells the tale of a perilous mountain journey set in the Himalayas on the border of Nepal and Tibet. "Ridicule", a French film with English subtitles, came out in 1996, and is about a young engineer who travels to Versailles during the reign of Louis XVI to save his mosquito-infested region.

The events continued Thursday, offering a raffle drawing to benefit scholarships for Nepalese students; international food tasting, displays and writing of names in different languages; and in the evening, The Percussion and World Music Festival took to the stage at the Wallman Hall Theatre.

Friday's events took FS students to East Fairmont High School to "Get a Taste of the French Culture." Fairmont State and GEAR UP presented a French show dedicated to the cultural arts. Music, singing, dancing and miming were performed by middle school, high school and dance school students as part of a multicultural outreach program for the community. The event featured French Cancan, ballet and contemporary dance, as well as the Elizabethan Chamber Singers.

The week's events came to a close Saturday evening when the "Music and Dances of the World" took stage at Wallman Hall. The show featured a variety of music and dance from various parts of the world. Such as an African drum and dance piece; Japanese dances; Latin American dances; and Nepali dances.

Fairmont State currently has approximately 80 international students from various countries around the world. Dr. Tulasi Joshi said, "Since we live in a global economy in a global village it is very important to learn about other countries." He added, "The objective of International Week is global awareness to the college community and the public in the Fairmont area."

International Week offered the students of Fairmont State a wide variety of activities to further their knowledge of different cultures and affairs. No matter their ethnicity, the week's activities offered everyone a chance to learn something they didn't know about another culture, and that is what education is all about.

Students could learn how to write their names in many different languages at the International Food Fair. Photos by Nathan Morgan.

Trina rocked the Feaster Center in August. She even included some Fairmont State women in her performance. Photos by Tosha Halstead

Bubba Sparxxx brought a little country hip hop to the Feaster Center for the Back to School Bash.

Trina Rocks F.S.

Back to School Bash

By: Brian T. Wallace

On the evening of August 22, Fairmont State students bounced all over the Feaster Center to the sounds of Bubba Sparxxx, Roscoe P. Coldchain and headliner Trina, who got everyone pumped up.

As the crowd filed in, up and coming Brooklyn rapper Sense got everyone warmed up for a great show. After his short opening set, the crowd was growing anxious until finally hearing the familiar sound of the dueling banjos which only meant one thing, and out came Bubba Sparxxx giving the student body a good old fashioned hip hop performance, country style. Bubba showed love to Fairmont State and West Virginia by letting everyone know he loved "country folk". He ran through several songs from his newest album, "Deliverance", and a few older songs from his debut LP.

Next up was Roscoe P. Coldchain, who most everyone knows from the The Clipse single "Hot Damn," and from several other guest appearances. Roscoe kicked some freestyles for the crowd to enjoy and promoted his upcoming album.

Last but not least, Trina came busting on the stage, ripping through hit singles, even inviting several female students onstage to dance with her and her crew. Trina was a crowd favorite as she performed for at least an hour and really put a lot into it.

These rappers are all talented lyricists and performers that helped to make the 2003 back to school bash like none other.

Fairmont State moved into the new age of technology this year with the arrival of the new Unified College Accounts and the Banner system. Photos by Nathan Morgan.

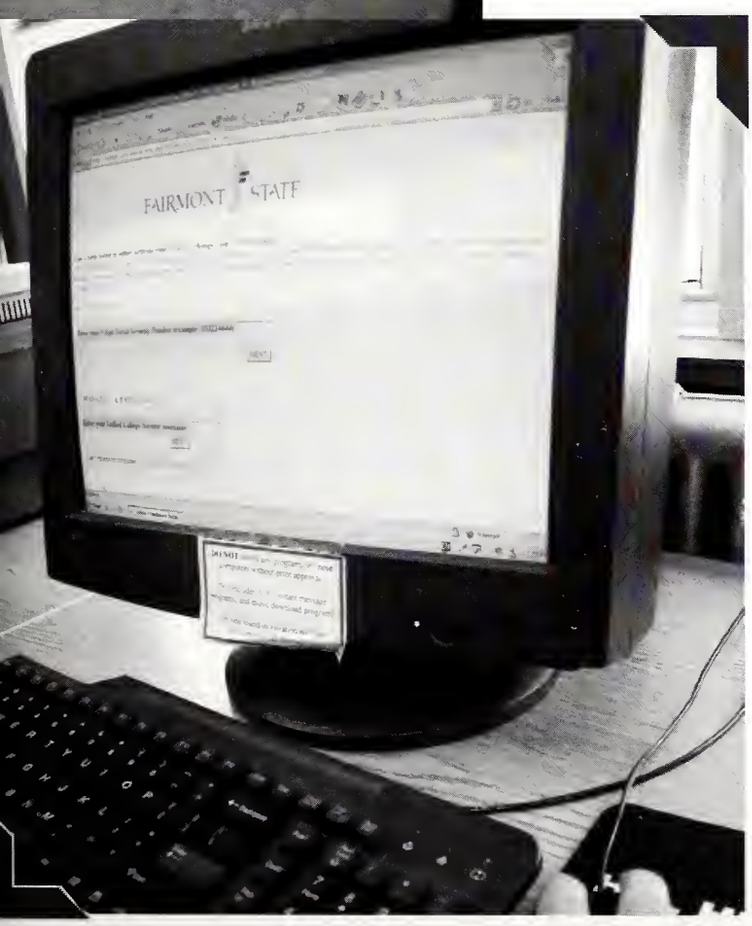
Changing Electronic Technology Campus

By: Katie Wilson

Last year, a system that promised to be easier and quicker for students and faculty alike posed its own unique difficulties. Like any new system, the Banner system can be somewhat difficult to get used to. In addition to the new system, new protocol, such as the new request forms for online classes, promised to make everything easier in the long run, after all the bugs were worked out of the system and everyone got used to doing things differently.

Every student was issued a UCA or Unified Collegiate Account. The UCA was each student's individual access to the Banner system, electronic library resources, campus email, WebCT and a host of other electronic services.

In addition to the new online registration, if students wanted to take an online course, they had to file a new online course permission form with the course instructor. After prospective students fill out the survey and permission form, they send it electronically to the professor, who then sends the student an email allowing or refusing them entry to the class. If the student has the instructor's permission to take the class, they must print the instructor's email, then take it to their advisor or the Registrar's office to have the class added to their schedule.



"Students must meet with their advisor to put in their initial schedule," said Suzanne Gripper, Program Coordinator for the Registrar's office.

Meeting with advisors seemed to be an issue of some concern. Not many students were aware that they must see their advisor first. The instructions for registration on the website listed meeting with an advisor as a final step, not a first. When seniors began exercising their early registration privileges in the fall, some were dismayed to sign onto the "Self-Service Enrollment Center" only to discover that they had to see their advisors before they could enter their schedule.

Pamela Stephens, Coordinator of Academic Advising, had three words of advice for students: "See your advisor."

Gone are the days when students could wait around and schedule at the last minute. Technology moves us along at faster and faster paces, but that inevitable meeting with your advisor is a constant in a fast changing world.

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Adjusting To College Life

By: Ryan King

For many students, going off to college means leaving what they are accustomed to and attempting to be independent for the first time in their life. This may not always be the case, but several students, traditional or not, share many of the same lifestyles. However, despite the gruesome schedules derived from trying to balance school, work, and any other obligations, students still managed to live very diverse routines.

One student explained the changes that occurred in her life after moving to the dorms and then to live in her own apartment.

"I am more free to do what I want and sleep when I want, unlike dorm life which was very annoying and noisy," said Fairmont State sophomore Ashley Harshberger.

She went on to say that her lifestyle changed dramatically. "Your life revolves around your class schedule. You could not eat at the same time every day, which is annoying when you are used to that," Harshberger said.

She explained that it is preferable to live alone for several reasons, including being easier to get more studying done living alone than in the dorms or with her parents.

College daily life and the opinions on how it should be have varied drastically. Harshberger was just one example of many different lifestyles.

Freshman Lindsay Moran fixes some macaroni & cheese in the Pritchard Hall kitchen area.

Presenting For Living On Campus Options

By: James Mou

To a non-College Park apartment resident, the apartments may look like a place someone wouldn't want to live, be, or even see, but to the many people who live there, they had nothing but good to say about the apartments.

There are a series of apartments starting with apartment A and running through apartment H. That meant there were eight apartment buildings that were provided for students to live in. It did come with a basic $550 dollar price, which included all utilities except electric. For the 2003-04 year many college students were pleased with their place of residence.

As for junior Jodi Gorrell, a graphics technology major, who is an active member in the DXO sorority, Apartment 303 E was the place to be for the 2003-04 year. Gorrell acknowledged, "College Park apartments rock my socks!" "You could live with whoever you wanted to, the apartments are coed and if you don't have a roommate the college will find one for you." She also had a benefit most college students didn't: parking. It may have been more expensive for her, but it was never a problem to find a parking spot at the College Park apartments.

Agreeing with Gorrell for the most part, junior Nicholas Payne, a criminal justice major finds the College Park apartments are like a normal apartment. Although for Nicholas, alcohol was a situation that wasn't totally defined in the 2003-04 year: He wasn't sure if he was allowed to bring it into Apartment 302 C, "Oh well, if they don't say anything, what can it hurt?" he said. Even though students can have a parking permit at the College Park apartments, Payne decided to just get a college parking permit, and park his car on campus. He commented, "I'd rather save the money and get a parking spot on campus."

For the 2003-04 year at the College Park apartments, it seemed as if all was well. The College Park apartments could be the place for you in the future.

The College Park apartments, annexed by Fairmont State in 2002, have become home to many students. Photos by Nathan Morgan.

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Fairmont State's Finest

By: Katie Wilson

Photos by Nathan Morgan

Continuing construction around campus created headaches for everyone, but stress has certainly been elevated on the campus security team. As traffic patterns and the layout of campus change, Campus Police did their best to ensure the safety of every student, faculty, staff member and visitor.

As traffic patterns change, most notably with the opening of the new West Campus Drive entrance, it is up to Campus Police to make sure that everyone gets where they need to go safely.

"This is the worst year for traffic since I've been here," Chief Lorin Elder said. "But it's not as bad as I had anticipated."

Sometimes, it can be a problem ensuring smooth traffic flow around campus. As a general rule, deliveries are made to different buildings for different reasons. In addition to that, construction equipment and deliveries of materials can cause huge hold-ups in traffic.

In general, the contractors have been very good about contacting Campus Police when traffic flow needs to be stopped temporarily, but sometimes, things pop up that no one can anticipate. Then, it's up to Chief Elder and his staff to help get things moving again.

Students who have evening classes are sometimes concerned about their personal safety. Many students can be very apprehensive about walking to their cars, alone, late at night in the dark. With the continued construction, it can be difficult to feel safe because of the changing landscape. Campus security has an eye out for students in these situations, too.

First, the campus is littered with security cameras which are monitored in the security office. Second, any student, faculty or staff member can call the security office or stop in to request an escort to their car.

"We'll get to you as quickly as we can," Chief Elder said.

In addition to the regular campus police officers, the College employs about 14 students to augment the security force. The students patrol the campus with radios and flashlights from 6 p.m. until 2 a.m. The students patrol the campus in pairs for security reasons. In addition to the campus patrols, student workers monitor the security cameras and answer the phones in the security office. If an emergency call comes in, they radio the officers on duty to alert them to the emergency.

End of an Era

Chief Elder retires

By: Daleen Berry

He came to campus as a criminal justice student, following a 20-year career in the Navy as a "torpedo man." In May, he retired as police chief of Fairmont State. Chief Lorin Elder spent 15 years in law enforcement here on campus, the last 13 of which he has held his current position.

At the time of the Chief's retirment, William Bickerstaff, director of safety and security said there were no immediate plans to replace him.Bickerstaff said the campus police department will continue operations with its current five police officers. That will be "supplemented with additional security and student security" officers, he added.

Chief Elder's career in law enforcement actually began in the Navy, while aboard ship. "I worked as a Master at Arms (a police officer) at night on the ship," he said.

When Elder first came to FS in 1984, it was to pursue a CJ degree. He graduated four years later in 1989 with that degree, and a minor in sociology. Since he began working in the campus police department, he's seen many changes – some of which he isn't too thrilled with.

"The department's more professional now than when I began. They're more involved in things I feel they should have been. They were just parking officers then," he said, adding that a change eventually occurred to give the officers more law enforcement powers. That helped them to do what he believes is most important: "protection of life and property."

Unfortunately, Elder believes that societal changes such as a bad economy have made "violent behavior, aggressiveness and larcenies" more prevalent. This, in turn, has made the job of the campus police officer more difficult, causing them to not be able to keep up with their workload. "You just don't have the personnel," Elder added.

Without a new police chief, Elder said he is concerned about campus crime. "I don't know where we're headed," he said.

He is also upset by what he views as a demotion of Officer Dave Cross, which occurred as a means to save money. Elder said Cross took a 35-percent pay cut when the administration took away his service revolver, and changed his title from police officer to security officer, during a "reorganization."

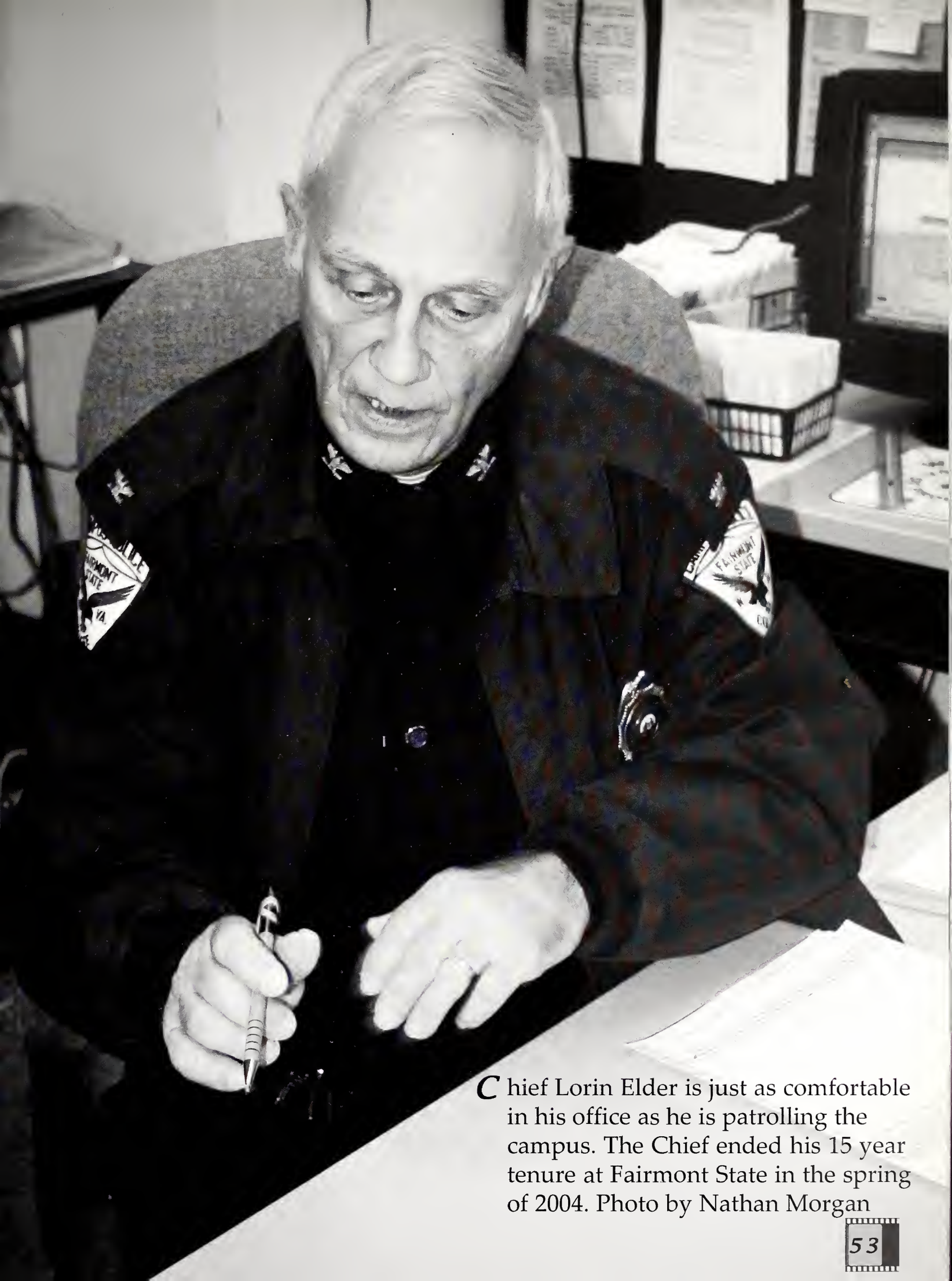
Bickerstaff confirmed that Cross's position has changed recently, but said he couldn't confirm that the change is a temporary one, subject to reversal upon Elder's retirement.

Elder's men will remember him as a boss whose style of management is structured, yet relaxed. Officer Rick Barnhart was recruited by Elder when Barnhart, then working as a Mannington city officer, pulled Elder over for driving with a broken headlight. "This character pulled me over," Barnhart said fondly.

It's a common method of recruitment for the chief, who said he was trying to see if the officer on duty would pull him over for having a burnt-out bulb. Barnhart did, and Elder urged him to apply for a position within the department. That was 10 years ago and the two men have been working together ever since.

Elder says he's enjoyed "the whole thing" since being in the FS police department. "The fun part – the best part – is when you get to help people. Unlock their doors when they locked themselves out, jump start their batteries, things that make you feel good and makes them feel good."

Feeling good might just be something Elder gets to do more often, as he plans to spend more time with his wife, Linda, in their 1800's farmhouse in the town of Burton. Elder also plans to spend more time with his three grandchildren, and maybe do a little fishing.



Chief Lorin Elder is just as comfortable in his office as he is patrolling the campus. The Chief ended his 15 year tenure at Fairmont State in the spring of 2004. Photo by Nathan Morgan

*T*his student takes a break from studying and classes to catch a nap on the quad on a sunny day. Photos by Nathan Morgan.

*C*ampus police Chief Lorin Elder takes a look around Pritchard Hall after a fire drill last spring.

Shhh Studying In the dorms

By: James Mou

Of the 500 students who lived in dorms, each one was under the rule of "Quiet Hours". The quiet hour rule stated that dorm residences must keep the level of noise at a minimum. The quiet hours began at 8:00 p.m. and they went through the morning until 8:00 a.m.

Quiet hours served many purposes for dorm residents. Studying was no easy task for students who had noisy neighbors. The quiet hours forced noisy neighbors to keep the music and social distractions to a minimum. They also allowed students with 8:00 classes to get the eight hours of sleep they needed to maintain a healthy living style.

However, sophomore civil engineering major Kevin Funk had his own opinion of quiet hours. "Quiet hours should be later than 8:00 p.m." Funk continued, "9 p.m. til 9 a.m. would make for better quiet hours in my opinion." He never found noise to be a problem during his study time. He said, "It's not that difficult actually; I do pretty well in all my classes."

Like Kevin, freshman art major Luc Knights was able to live in the dorms and overcome the distractions of dorm life. "Quiet hours are a good rule that is in effect here at Pence, and I do feel they are enforced rather well," he said. Knights felt that he had a motto that all future residents of the dorms should live by: "I do what I do to get my work done. I don't get distracted by living in the dorms because it's generally not that loud."

Overall, most of the 500 students living in the dorms found quiet hours to be an advantage in getting their work done.

Getting There

The rising cost of commuting

By: Katie Wilson *Photos by: Nathan Morgan*

Between parking woes and computer glitches, Fairmont State students hardly had time to worry about their routine class issues. Unfortunately, there was one more concert to add to the quickly growing list: the price of gasoline.

In the fall, the price of gasoline began creeping up and up. In the last week of August, the price of a gallon of gas jumped 15 cents in a few days. This was the largest increase at one time in 50 years.

The best guesses for the cause of the rise cite the "great blackout of 2003", which robbed power from several states and parts of Canada. Also, several weeks ago, a gasoline pipeline burst in Arizona, cutting off gas supplies to Phoenix and several other areas. In Phoenix, thousands flocked to public bus lines when gas stations ran dry.

So what does all this mean for students at Fairmont State?

Basically, it cost students more money to circle the campus looking for parking spaces. In addition, those students who lived in the outlying areas had to pay more money at the pumps to ensure that they made it to class. "I think I'm going to spend my semester broke," Charlene Schuessler said the first week of class. Schuessler was a senior elementary education major who commuted every day from Bridgeport. Because of her responsibilities as a student teacher, Schuessler has had to cut back her work schedule to only one day.

"I'll be making about $40 a week. That's probably not going to put enough gas in my car," she said.

Amanda West, another education student, was preparing to complete her student teaching in Fairview. Like Schuessler, she had to cut back her work schedule to one day.

"I'll probably be spending more that $30 a week in gas," she sighed. "The price of gas is just outrageously high.

It's pretty well known that Fairmont State attracts commuters from all over the area. People drive from parts of Monongalia, Preston, Harrison and Taylor counties as well as from areas even farther out. The gas prices hit those commuters even harder.

Mo Kreisher, a resident of Bridgeport, is spent his first semester on the main campus in the fall. Until then, he was able to attend classes at the Caperton Center in Clarksburg. The price of gasoline is not a welcome expense.

"The ratio of dollars to gallons is just ridiculous," Kreisher said.

The outrageous prices continued throughout the year. The first week of May saw the larges jump in price since the August price hike. Summer blends of environmentally friendly gas and the rising price of crude oil combined to force the average price of gas near $2 per gallon.

*F*reshman Brandon Shaw gives a demonstration of his musical ability. Photos by Ryan King.

*L*ine of Sight singer Nick Stellato hits a powerful note during their performance at Battle of The Bands.

Musicians Making Beautiful Music

By: Ryan King

There has always been one aspect of life that has played a role in human existence, far before the thought of any school such as Fairmont State. Some of the earliest music dates back before any record, and although school began to become an important aspect of society, music has always played a role. Music is one form of culture, and without it this society would be different beyond comprehension.

In more recent society, music and schooling have both became important components of this culture. To some people, music and schooling have been equally as important to their lifestyles.

"Music is the one thing that has been there for me for years. Friends come and go but music is always there," said Fairmont State freshman Brandon Shaw.

Although not every Fairmont State student would value music as highly, it obviously has played a dominant role for some.

Shaw started to become very involved in music at a very young age, he was given a Metallica CD when he was four and became 'addicted.' He has played music for almost as long; he started learning to play bass at six.

Following his early days on bass, he went on to learn to play drums and guitar. He has been in three different bands, and performed in several local shows.

Shaw explained that not only was music his outlet for expression, but that playing or listening to music helped him in his schooling. He predicted that music will always be important and help him accomplish his goals throughout his life.

With plans of possibly going into production, both with his own band, and in the recording and directing of other aspiring artists, Shaw ranks education in his priorities as well.

"School comes first, but music is a close, close second," said Shaw.

It seemed in this case as if music and school, although fairly different, still have been mutually significant in someone's life. Shaw's decision to enroll at Fairmont State may have helped him to better achieve his dream.

Celebrating A Job Well Done

Winter Commencement

By: Katie Wilson

More than 260 students received their hard-earned degrees as part of Fairmont State's Winter Commencement ceremony. The degrees were conferred on December 13 at the Feaster Center.

William O. Morris, a prominent member of the legal and higher education professions spoke. He was awarded the honorary degree Doctor of Laws.

"William Morris has devoted his career and many years of his life to the advancement of education," said Fairmont State President Daniel J. Bradley. "Fairmont State is honored to recognize those contributions, which include distinguished achievements as a scholar, educator and author."

Morris' speech described how the world has changed over the years. "Without education, we would still be in the Stone Age," he said.

Morris, who jokingly referred to himself as William Shakespeare's former roommate, said, "May the torch of education burn long and bright."

During the ceremony, Fairmont State President Dr. Daniel J. Bradley praised the graduates for their work and encouraged them to continue to make Fairmont State proud. James E. Griffin, chairman of Fairmont State's Board of Governors encouraged students to have the confidence to complete their endeavors.

William O. Morris spoke to the graduating class about the importance of education. Photos by Nathan Morgan

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Spring Commencement

New Beginnings

By: Kelly Rothrock Photos by Nathan Morgan

As the first graduating class of Fairmont State University prepared for commencement to begin, parents, grandparents, siblings, and other family gathered outside the Feaster Center in an attempt to escape the stuffy, humid conditions inside of the cramped gymnasium.

Children, possibly future FSU graduates, wandered amongst the anxious crowd; grandpas chatted with other grandpas while mothers reminisced to other mothers about the childhoods of their graduates. The emotion was intense, but no one was able to feel it quite like those over 600 students fortunate enough to be sitting amongst the graduating class of 2004.

Belington resident Amber Gump, who earned her psychology degree, agreed with Ritchie county resident, Christie Jarrell, who earned her elementary education degree, that graduating was simply "wonderful."

Dr. Michele Plutro, a policy specialist and Fairmont State alumna, was the keynote speaker. She currently writes speeches for various political officials, one of her many duties at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Plutro told the crowd to involve themselves in public service and help others because it enriches life in ways money can't.

For some, it was the end, but for many others saw it as just the beginning.

This student chose to vividly display the uncertainty felt by herself and many of her fellow graduates.

Johnny Piscitelli is a familiar face around campus. He can usually be found with his camera, snapping pictures of campus activities and the changing face of Fairmont State. Photos by Nathan Morgan.

Cool Gadgets

By: James Mou

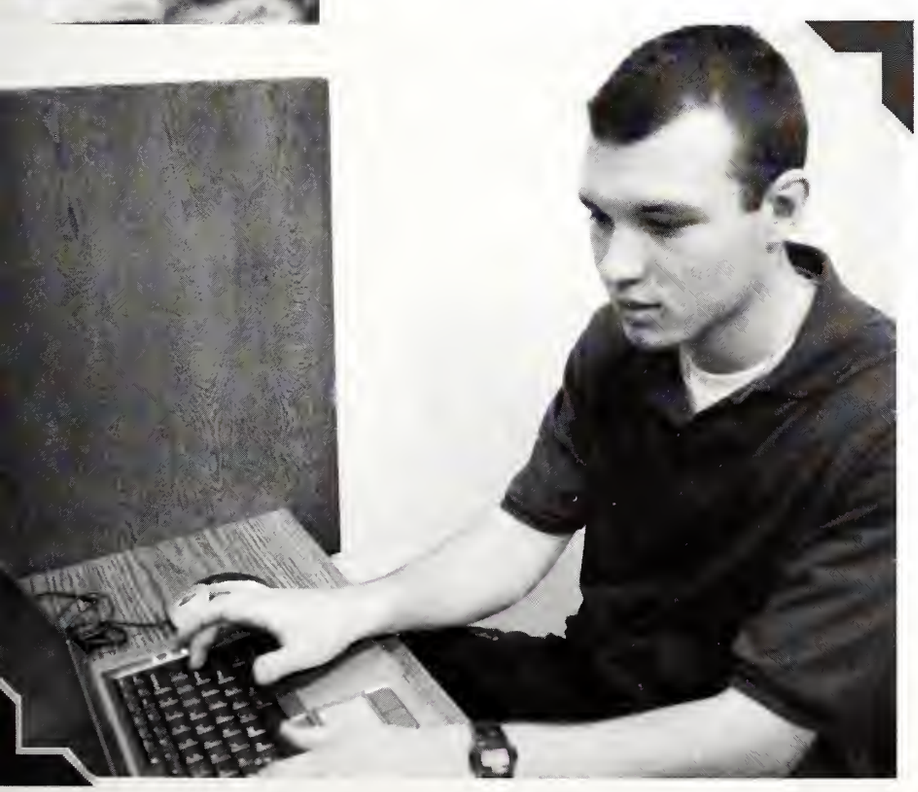
As it is every year at Fairmont State, there are always new changes in clothing trends, music, and everything in between, but for the year of 2003-04, technology was definitely on the rise for a large and diverse group of people.

Senior Scott Riley, who is majoring in biology and is also a member of both Tau Beta Iota and Student Government, felt that technology was definitely on the rise. Scott felt his Palm Pilot was worth the money. Scott commented, "The Palm Pilot I purchased was definitely worth the money I spent on it because it does everything I need it to do, and well, that's why we buy things." Scott used his Palm Pilot to keep budgets of both organizations he was involved in during the 2003-04 school year.

According to Bob Heffner, Fairmont State's own Web Specialist and Graphic Designer, his Apple I-Pod was well worth the money he spent on it. He said, "Apple's products are priced high, but they're elegantly designed. They always compare Apple to Mercedes and Jaguar. You can get places in a Ford or Chevy, but there's a reason why they make Mercedes; it's a better ride, so the I-Pod was definitely worth the money." To go along with this mp3 player, Heffner also used it to subscribe to a radio show that let him listen to the show from 1 a.m. till 5 p.m. It also came with a 20 GB hard drive, which is bigger than most computers' hard drives at Fairmont State. He also used his I-Pod to carry entire Web pages to his home computer.

In relation to both Riley and Heffner, Fairmont State Photographic Services Manager, John Piscitelli, also had a piece of technology that made his life a great deal easier, a Nikon Super Coolscan 8000. "This piece of new technology allows me to scan 35 mm negatives 120 mm negatives and slides," stated Piscitelli. It also allowed him to bring vintage pictures from as late as the 1980's and print them like new without even going to the darkroom.

Overall, for the 2003-04 year, Fairmont State had many new technologies that were beneficial for a diverse group of people.



Freshman Josh Wilson uses his laptop for school, playing games and surfing the web.

Celebrating Women

The Vagina Monologues takes the stage

By: Daleen Berry

Think … red for roses and excitement, and black for dignity and awe … and the stage is set for another rendition of The Vagina Monologues. The show, written by author Eve Ensler, puts such poignant topics as rape, incest, sexual slavery and abuse of women worldwide on a lens, and looks at them through a viewfinder featuring laughter, anger, wistfulness, and whimsy.

For the second year in a row, students at Fairmont State held a benefit performance in March 2004. Part of the global movement known as V-Day, it works to wipe out violence against women and girls while empowering them to thrive and succeed. The performance portrayed past, present and ever-changing attitudes toward women and their sexuality.

Because demand for the show was so large, two performances were held this year. More than a dozen students and faculty members performed under the direction of Willie Feathers and Meredith Byrd. Sponsors included BiGLS, the Honors Program, and the Women's Studies Department. All proceeds went to HOPE, Inc., a shelter for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault located in Fairmont.

Student performers Angela Dunlap and Lauren Birk try to keep the pre-show jitters to a minimum.

*S*ince the subject matter of the play is often very difficult, participating in the production of the Vagina Monologues created a feeling of sisterhood among the cast. Photos by Daleen Berry.

Hair Brings Down The House

By: Ryan King

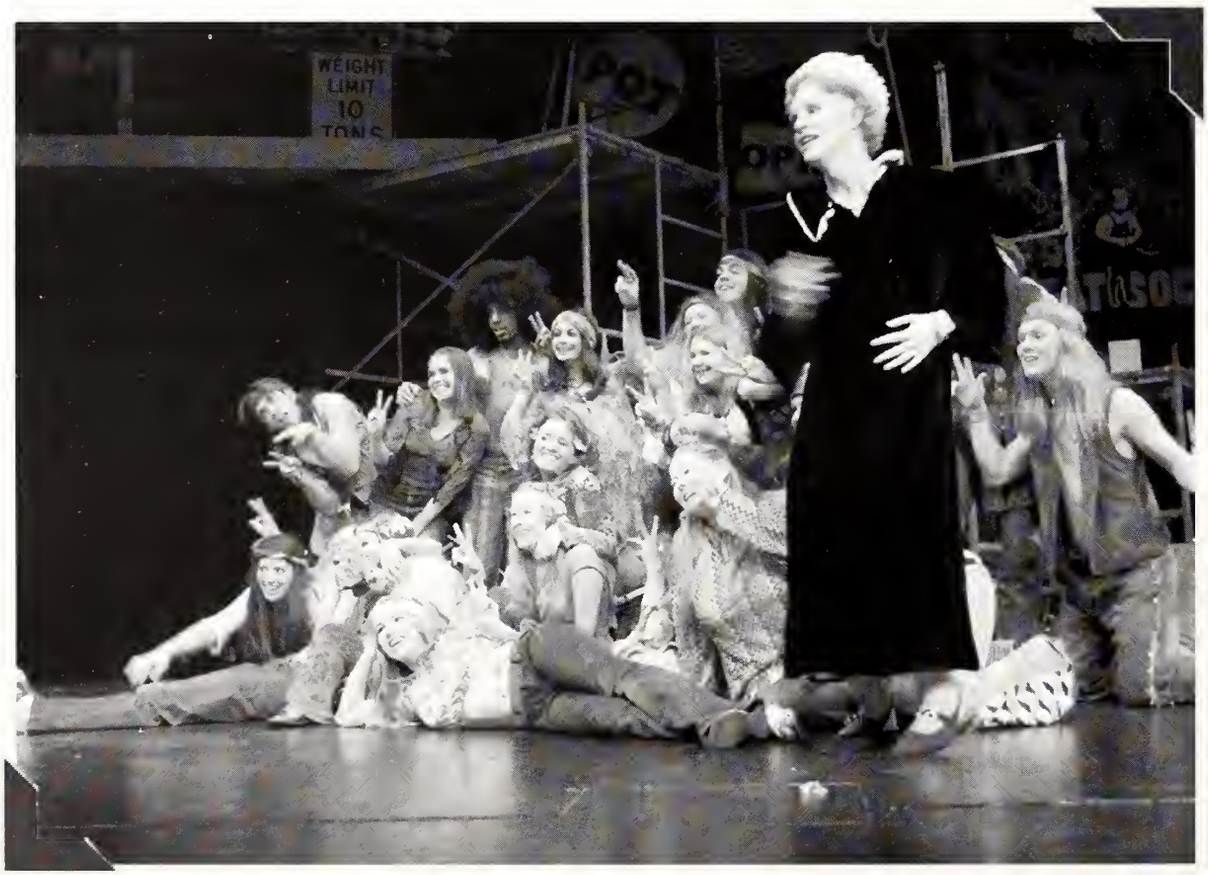
The controversial play "Hair," commonly known as a love rock musical of the late 1960's, involving drugs, the desecration of the American flag, and even nudity came to Fairmont State's Wallman Hall in early February.

This hot button play was originally created by James Rado and Gerome Ragni. These two unemployed actors wanted to create something different.

Something different was definitely achieved. Such a notorious play presented Fairmont State student actors with an interesting challenge.

"It is a challenge to work in this production, knowing that for some members of the audience, the separation between the fantasy of the play and the reality of my own beliefs may be called into question because I am in such a controversial show," said Sarah Hoffmaster, who played one of the principal roles in the play.

Thirty-six years after its creation, guest director Jim Patterson of South Carolina brought "Hair" to Fairmont State. This production was his first directing experience in West Virginia. Patterson has directed more than 140 plays nationwide.



The production entailed powerful messages portrayed vividly through music. The music made for further challenge in this production.

"I am excited by the challenge of bringing the late 1960's to theatrical life for a generation who were not born when the landmark 'Hair' was first performed on Broadway," Patterson said. "I am enjoying the collaboration with designers, technicians, musicians, and students at Fairmont State."

Despite the controversial subject matter, the play was a success for the Fairmont State Masquers.

The cast of "Hair" presented the beauty, excitement and turmoil of the Sixties.

Amanda Carrico wows the crowd with her performance in last spring's production of "Hair".

Getting Involved

The Fairmont State community is greatly enriched by its student organizations. No matter what you're into, you can probably find an organization on campus that will help you explore those interests.

Service organizations, religious groups, Greeks, competition teams, and groups like Student Publications work hard to represent Fairmont State and themselves in a good way. Groups that have won awards at various types of competitions help to recruit new students by getting the word out about Fairmont State. Other organizations serve the community as well as the campus. Through service projects, these groups try to make life a little easier, both on campus and off.

There's a little bit of everything at Fairmont State, so get involved!

The following pages, are dedicated to showcasing some of our notable student organizations. These pages give just a taste of some of the spectacular things going on around campus.

Stories by Kelly Rothrock. Photos by Nathan Morgan.

Alpha Psi Omega
Row 1: Kyle A. Stewart, John E. O'Conner (faculty advisor) Steve McElroy, Amanda Wiley

Masquers
Row 1: Rebecca Muter (president), Steve McElroy (vice president), Hannah Davisson (secretary), Cicely Bosley (historian)
Row 2: Amanda Wiley, Sarah Grumblatt, Cheyenne Grimes
Row 3: Kyle A. Stewart, Dan Hawkins

Lambda Alpha Epsilon
1: Rachel Garrison, Paul Nelson, Viola Paugh
2: Timothy Knotts, Valerie Moore, Danny North, Terry Layfield II, Michelle Dole
3: Les Boggess (advisor), Dr. Elaine Bartgis (advisor), Sara Throckmorton, Darren Bright, Timothy Hannell

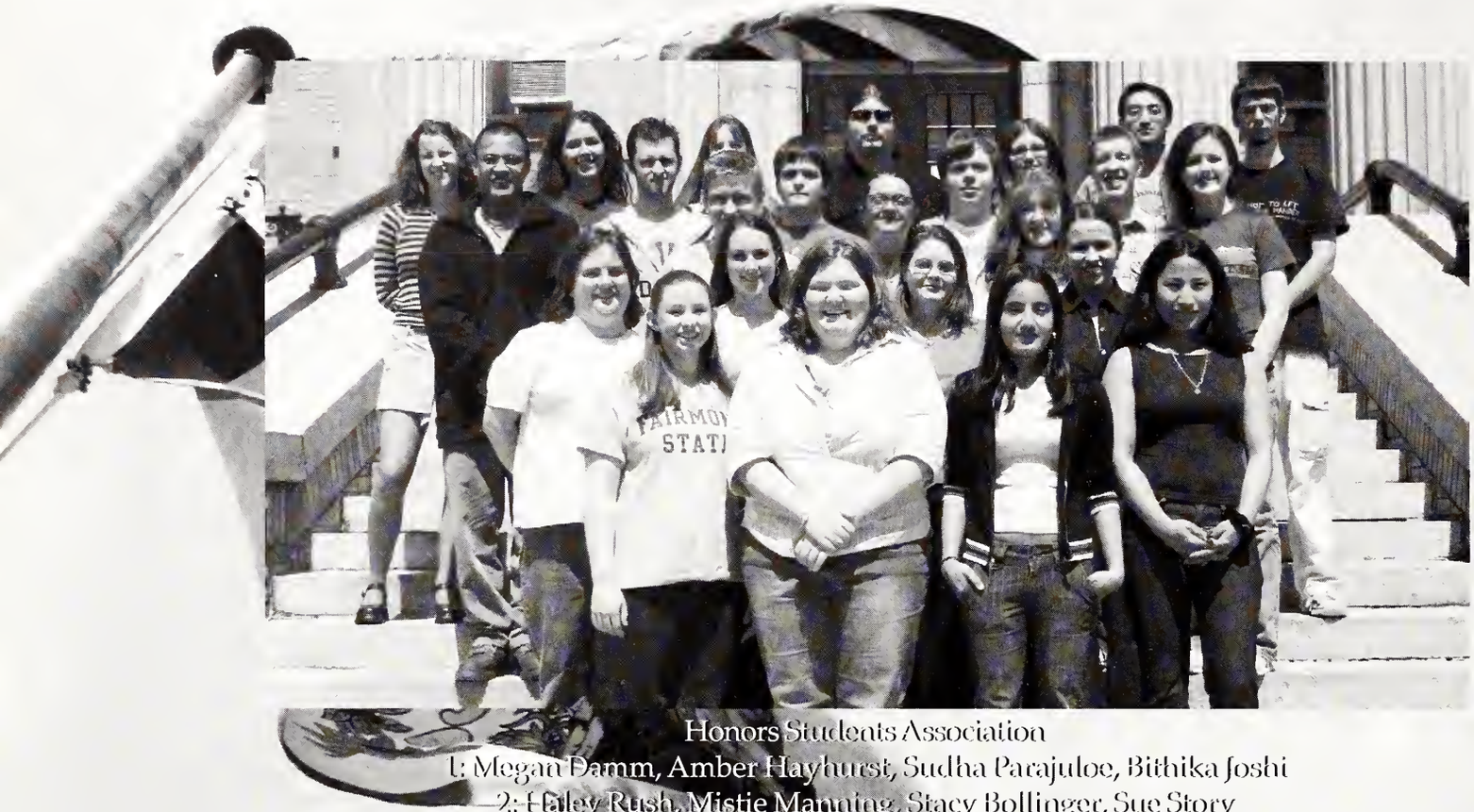
Sigma Alpha Iota
1: Amy N. Reed, Leigh Anne Bolyard, Marcia L. Knoll
2: Brandy Jo Miller, Marylynne Bennett
3: Beth Linger, Angelle M. Raines, Tiffani Davis

TBI
1: Michael Allevato, Thomas Eanes, Justin Rinck, Matt Stone, Ronnie Gower, Josh Schrader
2: James Mou, Ryan Boyd, Brent Lupton, Nathan Dillon, Bartley Mayhorn
3: J.P. Audia, Chris Legg, Ben Giffin, Brian Conn, Drew Paton

Nepal Students
1: Bithika Joshi, Sudha Parajulee, Karina Jajbhundary, Ramita Chitrakar
2: Nirab Manandhar, Dr. Tulashi Joshi, Upendra Singh, Sirish Shrestha
3: Dipan Ghimire, Nirmal Singh, Rabindka Ranjit

Alpha Phi Sigma
1: Betsy Shaw, Jennifer Liston, Brandi Callarik, Jessica Bennett
2: Marc Pyles, Melissa Kuykendall, Taylor Legg, Anthony Harris
3: Paul Nelson, Jonathan Board, Chad Lewis, Craig Crimm

SHRM
1: Patricia Skinner, Ellen Mullican (president), Kara Price, Emmy Grinnan, Rachel Burnside, Jerry Carbo (faculty advisor)
2: Johnny Trovato, Todd Delaplain, Jonathan Duggan (secretary/historian), Dave Miller (treasurer), Anna Pawlowski (vice president), Beth Nuzum, Chris Salentro



Honors Students Association
1: Megan Damm, Amber Hayhurst, Sudha Parajuloe, Bithika Joshi
2: Haley Rush, Mistie Manning, Stacy Bollinger, Sue Story
3: Ben Fisher Keely Childers, Jill Wharton
4: Rahul Tuladhar, Andrew King, Robert Ball, Dustin Noe, Adam Bowers, Heather Yoho
5: Meghan Phillips, Rebekah Pagan, Mauria Fletcher, Josh Sherman, Lauren Fick, Nirab, Eric Bee

Kappa Kappa Psi
Row 1: Tiffany Brown, Ryan Danley, Chris Lewis, Jessica Cunningham
Row 2: Kenny Milnes, Brian Bailey, Jon Oates, Chris Kolar, Josh Sherman

NASA Scholarship Recipients
Row 1: Carolann Marcum-Caudill, Lorah Wood, Megan Damm
Row 2: Dr. Michael Fulda, Frank Muldoon, Ryan Satterfield

Student Psychology Association
Row 1: Kelly Jo Barr, John Rote, Patricia Conner, Jody A. Bishop, Stacey Carpenter, Ginger Conley
Row 2: James Layman, Pauline Williams, Michael Batiste, Carrie Jo Hupp, Chastity Teter
Row 3: Dr. Clarence Rohrbaugh, Jeanne Armstrong, Megan Sweet, Carl Minnick, Dr. Ann Shaver

Psi Chi
Row 1: Kelly Jo Barr, John Rote, Patricia Conner, Jody A. Bishop, Ginger Conley
Row 2: Megan Sweet, Dr. Clarence Rohrbaugh, Dr. Ann Shaver, Carrie Jo Hupp, Carl Minnick, Michael A. Batiste

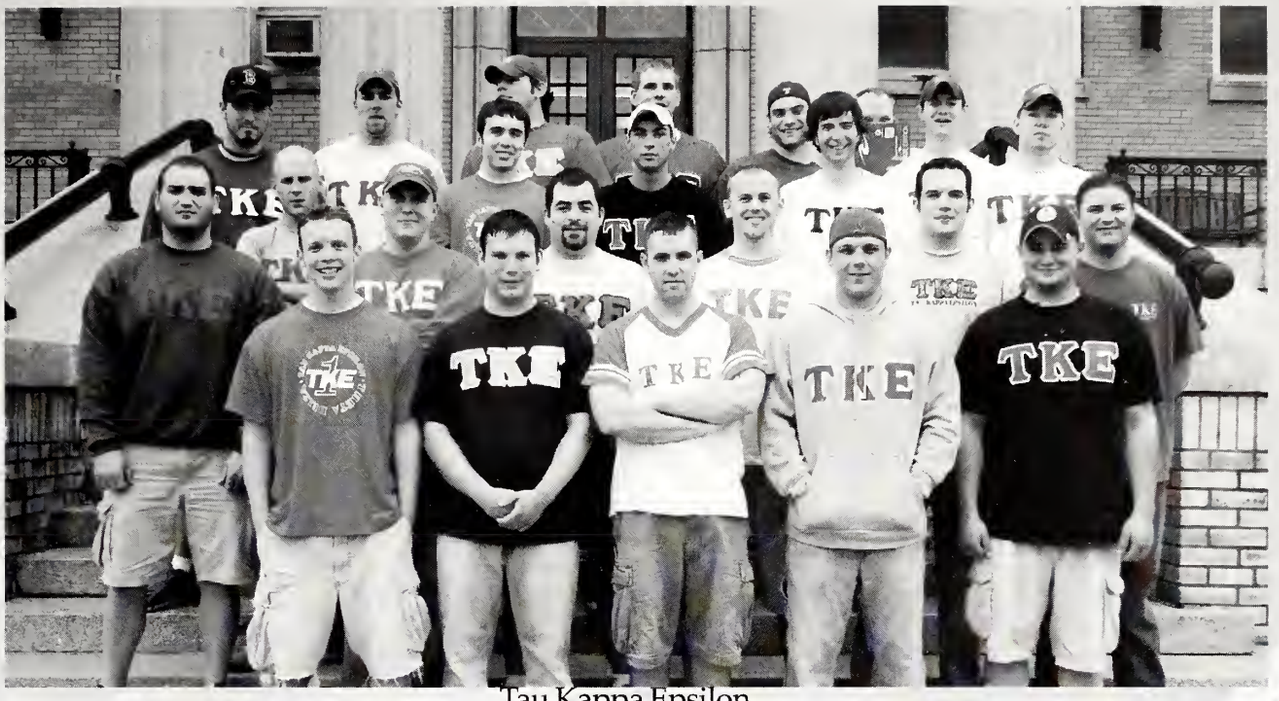
(MLT) Medical Laboratory Technology Student Association
1: Danielle Burgoyne, Stephanie Boblett, Brittany Reel, Lisa Kelley-Stewart
2: Jonathan Davis, Julie Myers, Kelly Rush, Mike Good

Alpha Sigma Tau
1: Carrie Hupp, Krissy Garrett, Michelle Wells, Machelle Forinash, Jessica Gay, Jessica Lowther
2: Jody Bishop, Missy Martin, Kristen Williams, Amanda Salmen, Tracy Fowler, Bobbi Thomas
3: Misty Fry, Brandi Callirik

Delta Xi Omicron
1: Kellie Gark, Jessica Minton
2: Danielle DeAngelo, Wendy Hottle, Laurie Steffan, Elizabeth Bickerton, Jodi Gorrell
3: Mariah Gross, Ashley Powell, Melissa Vannest, Jane Miller, Deona Champ
4: Courtney Moore, Annie Jackson, Marlynda Adkins, Courtney Stowe, Kelli Gore

American Sign Language Club
Row 1: Jayme Dodd, Jackie Marco
Row 2: Leslie Chickerell, Lori Matheny, Melissa Nicholson, James (Jim) Phillips

Chi Alpha
Row 1: Rebekah Pagan, Kelly Jo Barr, Sonya Esultante, Joy Casto
Row 2: Brian Keplinger, Suzanne Heck, Ashley Harshberger, Adam Casto, JoAnna Rager



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Row 2: Cain Noble, Kyle Wood, Justin Meader, Justin Hershman, Shane Frye, Evan Kelch
Row 3: Mike Hawk, Michael Stackhouse, Charlie Moore, Nick Barbalate, Kellen Kayla, Matt Tadd
Row 4: Chris Herbley, Kyle Kelly, John Goord, Moah, Drake Jenkins, Ryan Lieving

ASCE
Row 1: Greg Wilson, Jennifer Sims, Dennis Mitchell, Bridget Biddle, William Postlethwait, Shane Fisher
Row 2: Craig Harrison, Tia Richardson, Mike Brown, James Davis, Pat Guthrie
Row 3: Chris Harley, Gabor Nagy, Justin Filer, Jeff Snyder, Jason Miller

The Ballroom Dancing Club

2003-2004 Mound staff
Clockwise from top left: James Mou, Jodi Gorrell, Brian Mink, Editor Katie Wilson, Kelly Rothrock, Nathan Morgan, Ryan King

The 2003-2004 Mound Staff
From left: Daleen Berry, Kendra Combs, Jessica Lawson, Editor Brad Fox, Tosha Halstead, George Laase, Katie Wilson, Jeff Riffle

Honing Edges

Whetstone has been Fairmont State's art and literary journal since 1991. The student-run journal is published annually by the students of Fairmont State. "I am always excited and surprised to see what work students are producing, and, thankfully, submitting," said Morgan Martinson, managing editor for Issues 22 and 23. "Though having a journal at the end of the year is rewarding, my favorite part is still sitting around with the other staff members and talking about poetry and the submissions we receive." Issue 23 was dedicated to the memory of Jeffrey Alan Mayfield, a Fairmont State architecture professor and avid kayaker who died April 13, 2003. The journal featured contributions from Mayfield's work and Jennifer Saunders/Smith, the art feature, as well as poetry written about him by those who knew him.

The journal was released at a celebration on April 17th in the Tower Room of Wallman Hall. An exhibition of artwork from the journal surrounded the group of 40 while an open reading of poetry was presented. Among the readers was Angela Rehbein, literary feature and past *Whetstone* editor, and Keely Childers, Award of Excellence winner for her piece "Lucky Cheng's." An Award of Excellence was also presented to Lauren Adams for art for her "Untitled" piece.

"It is important for students to submit, even if they don't get accepted their first time," said Martinson. "One of the dangers of *Whetstone* is the attention to the product and issue, and being students, the process is so much more important. We want to be 'a tool for honing edges' and I hope we can." As art feature Jennifer Saunders/Smith wrote in her contributor's note, "I believe a student of art must release herself from the outcomes and be willing to sacrifice the piece for the experience."

Wanted: Pop Tabs

With a little effort and a lot of teamwork, the Fairmont State Honors Association collected more than 80 pounds of pop tabs that came from everyday soda or beer cans. The semester's worth of "pop tabs" were donated to the Ronald McDonald House in Morgantown. Christina Uhl, service committee chair of the Honors Association, carried the idea for the community service project with her from her Wood County high school. "I just thought it was a great idea and I wanted to continue it in college," the junior psychology said.

Uhl started the program two years ago, and while it had limited success last year, it wasn't until this year that it really took off. Students "really wanted to help," she said. Many of the Honors students collected and turned in more than 80 pounds of the pop tabs by saving the tabs they tore off soft drinks during their meetings, and by asking family and friends for help.

One of those students was junior Meghan Phillips, a dual education and math major. Phillips was a transfer student from the University of Charleston, where she was awarded a scholarship for her community service work. "Anytime I see someone drinking out of a can, I ask for the pop tops," she said. "They probably think I'm insane." Phillips collected the most pop tabs during a challenge issued by the Honors Executive Council. She began collecting the small, aluminum pieces of metal while at an American Legion dinner she attended with her father, who was a Vietnam veteran, when she noticed the large number of beer cans that were being tossed in the trash. Phillips took home some of the cardboard Ronald McDonald house-like containers in which to save the tabs and passed them out to people she knew. From there, word got out and family and friends began collecting the tabs for her, as well.

Helping others was something both Uhl and Phillips were familiar with, and was something they planned to use in their future careers.

THE COLUMNS

Serving Fairmont State one issue at a time

Last year was a banner year for *The Columns*. New writers Kendra Combs, Jessica Lawson, Meredith Payez, Macole Bunner and Nathan McVicker brought their own unique style to the publication, while seniors Brad Fox and Katie Wilson celebrated their final year on staff.

The addition of a new column, the Movie Reel reviews, informed students about their entertainment choices. Newcomers Duggan and Murphy modeled the column in a Siskel and Ebert style during the fall semester. In the spring, Macole Bunner, Nathan McVicker and Kendra Combs put their own stamp on it.

Two continuing series, George Laase's "The Life," a view of the life of an out of state athlete and Katie Wilson's series on body art informed and entertained readers. Daleen Berry's columns discussed college life as seen through the eyes of a non-traditional student.

The 2003 *Columns* staff also celebrated the achievements of the 2002 staff. The 2002-03 *Columns* won three awards at the Society for Collegiate Journalists National Competition. For the first time, *The Columns* placed third in the Newspaper Overall Excellence category. There was also a second place win for Jeff Riffle for his political cartoons and a fourth place win for feature photography.

The 2003-04 year was the final goodbye for longtime editor-in-chief Brad Fox and senior staff writer Katie Wilson.

"It's been thee great years," Fox said. "My staff has always been great. I've loved every minute of it."

Beyond the Call of Duty

Almost every student can relate to the daily pressures and demands of being a college student, the homework, the tests, the projects, the deadlines, and so on. But many students went beyond the call of duty to represent their Fairmont State organization in competition.

The American Society of Civil Engineers led FS to victory after they won five out of nine first place awards. Club adviser Tia Richardson said, "Our team… was the only team to win an award in every event." ASCE also managed two second place awards, one third place award, and Steel Bridge awards in stiffness and aesthetics.

Similar to the success of ASCE, the FS Beta Omega Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, the international honor society for education was awarded two national awards. At the national conference held in St. Louis, Kappa Delta Pi received an Achieving Chapter of Excellence Award and an ACE Program Award, an award given every two years to the chapter who did an outstanding job of supporting and enhancing Kappa Delta Pi's mission and strategic goals.

The National Forensics Association National Tournament held at the University of Rhode Island was the next destination for the FS Inter Collegiate Debate Team after they experienced national tournament qualifying status. Civil engineering technology major Jeff Musgrave led the team to success after advancing to the quarter-final round of the 35th Annual Mad Hatter Tournament held at Bloomsburg State University. "The Bloomsburg Tournament has been the most enjoyable tournament on the circuit," said Musgrave. "The level of competition is very high, and it is a very good measuring stick to go up against such schools as the U.S. Military Academy West Point and have the abilityto defeat them."

The Fairmont State SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise) team also enjoyed success in 2004. The team traveled to Cleveland to attend the SIFE regional competition. The team brought home some bragging rights and a first runner up trophy.

Not only did the competing students go beyond the call of duty, but they did it with full success.

Dancing Spirit

More work and more practice was the key to the success of the Fairmont State Ballroom Dancing club. Although they practiced often, Dr. Fulda, the ballroom dancing instructor, felt that it was still "not enough." Even without the excess of practice, the team experienced much success at competitions located anywhere from Pittsburgh to Washington, D.C. and elsewhere around the region. Dancer Anna Pawlowski found the competitions to be "a blast." For Pawlowski, the smaller competitions were actually the most stressful, but the bigger competitions were when she had to be at her very best. She joined the ballroom dancing club after she accidentally picked up a ballroom dance class. Anna enjoyed everything about ballroom dance, but did feel that practicing technique was boring, yet essential to performance. "I just got hooked," said Anna.

As with almost any sport, they did experience some complications. There are "always more women than men… men have to be spread around," said Dr. Fulda, who was always searching for new recruits. Of the four levels of dance, the FS ballroom dancing club had plenty of bronze and silver levels, but was still working on gold level competitors. "It takes years," said Fulda.

Fulda strongly believed that "ballroom dance can be addictive… if you have to have an addiction in life, you could do much worse than ballroom dancing."

Dance is bigger than the physical body. ...When you extend your arm, it doesn't stop at the end of your fingers, because you're dancing bigger than that; you're dancing spirit.

-Judith Jamison

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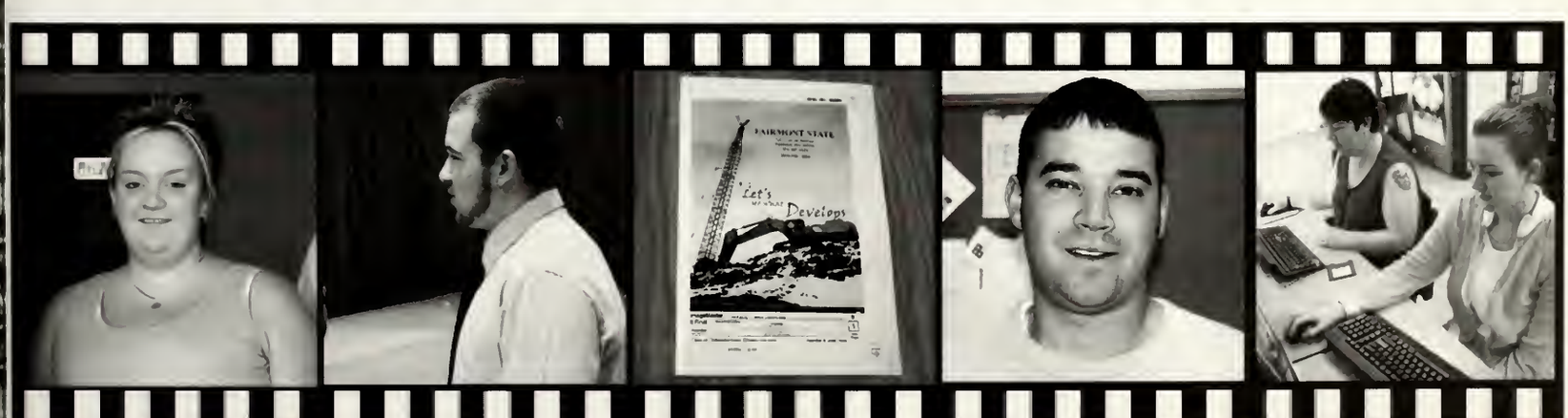
The Few The Proud

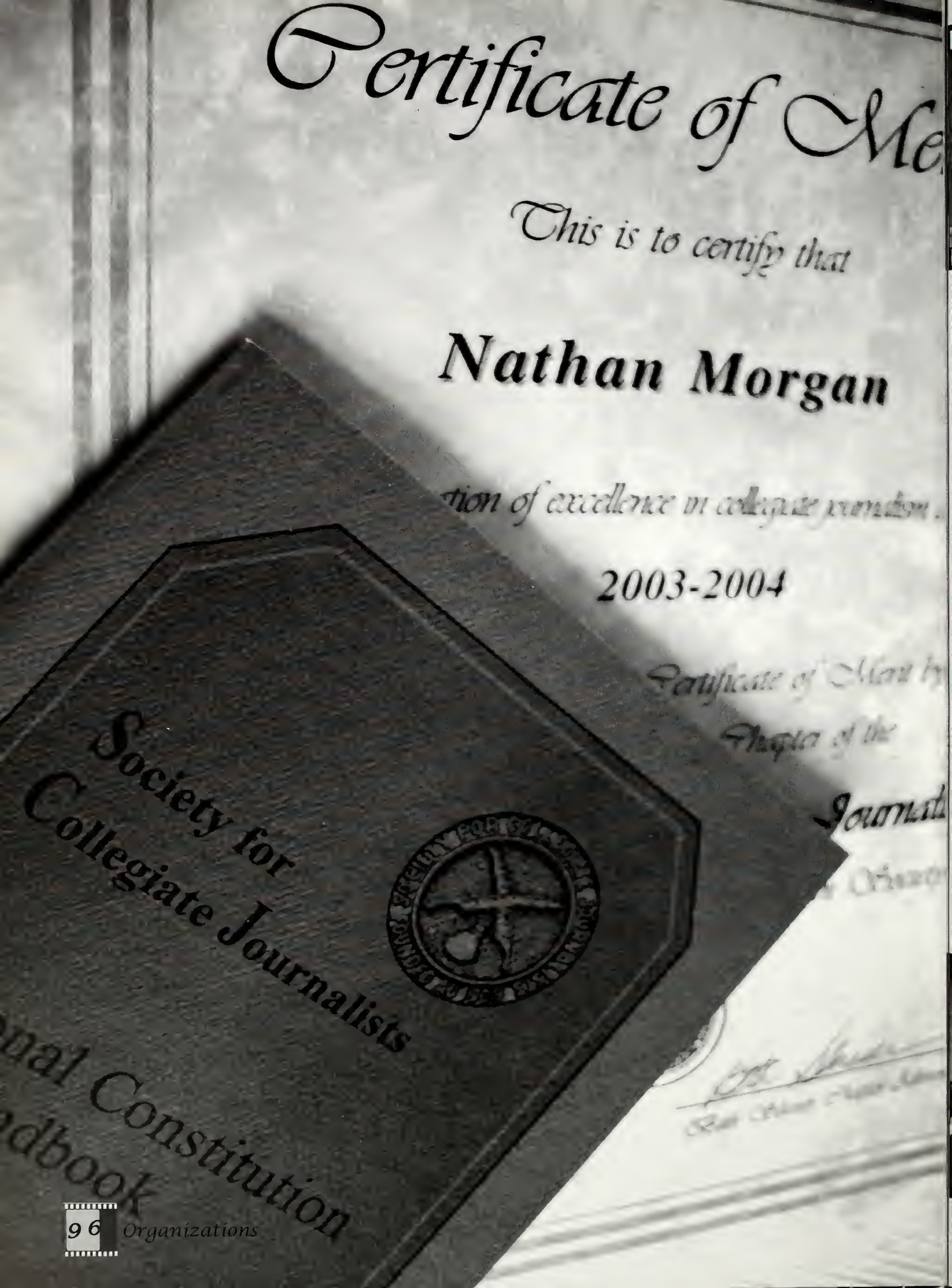
"The few, the proud, the yearbook staff." Dedication and team work was the key to pulling together a successful student publication for the 2004 yearbook staff. After dealing with an editor change midstream, life in the journalism lab was anything but calm.

With deadlines around the corner, newly elected editor Katie Wilson had an extra heaping added to her plate. Not only did she have to take a crash course in yearbook publication, but she had to organize, re-organize, and act as a shepherd, directing the yearbook lambs. "Once they get a little direction, they buckle down and go for it," said Wilson. "This staff has just been fabulous. No matter what needs to be done, or how quickly, the staff somehow does it. And does it well." All of the work, however, came at a price. In addition to successfully completing her final semester before graduation, she had to deal with the everyday stresses associated with her job as editor. "My nicotine consumption went through the roof," Wilson laughed. "Things I've done strictly for myself have become more important." Wilson took refuge in reading, gardening, and taking care of her fish tanks.

Mound photographer, Nathan Morgan didn't mind the major or minor stresses which resulted from being a staff member. "I love taking pictures," said Morgan. Seeing his work in print made up for any prior frustrations.

As for the rest of the staff, they were pleased with their hard work, as was Mound advisor Professor Beth Slusser. "They've been very dedicated to getting the necessary information and they have met every deadline. The few, the proud, the yearbook staff."

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Excellence in Media

Just a resume enhancer? False. Although the Society for Collegiate Journalists was once used as a way to "puff" up the resumes of journalism students, it has grown into much more.

As an exclusive society, limited to only three new members per student publication each year, and with loosely set rules and regulations, Fairmont State was able to direct the Society for Collegiate Journalists in whatever form would fit the campus and its student body. The FS chapter of SCJ was an honor society as opposed to some chapters who are strictly a social organization. FS chapter advisor, Professor Beth Slusser said, "We want our current and future [student publication] staff members to have something to aspire to."

In addition to the prestige of membership, the Chapter awards its outstanding students every year for their contributions to Fairmont State student publications. Some of the awards given by SCJ went to Kelly Rothrock and Nathan Morgan, 2004 inductees, who were awarded certificates of merit at the annual journalism banquet, *Mound* editor Katie Wilson who received the Outstanding Journalism Student award, and Daleen Berry, who was awarded with a medal of merit.

As one of the fifteen oldest chapters of Society for Collegiate Journalists in the country, the Fairmont State chapter played a great role in supporting the student publications and the students who made them a success.

People

While our college years educate and prepare us for the rest of our lives, the people we've met at school shape us just as much as the classes we took. Looking back at these faces helps us to look back and reflect on what developed during the 2003-04 year.

Lois Peterson and Tessa Shackleford work together in a Wallman Hall studio to create a masterpiece.

Culinary Arts student Kenneth"Spud" Kerr puts the finishing touches on a class project. Bam! It's dinner!
Photos by Nathan Morgan.

Students

Senior Kim Phillips follows along in Dr. Hussey's Major American Writers class.

Senit Assefaw

J.P. Audia

Kathryn Beachler

John Bellamy

Daleen Berry

Leslie Bledsoe

Jonathan Board

Toni Boldrey

Judith Boyce

Rebecca Boyd

Jessica Bremer

Eli Brescock

Lori Carpenter

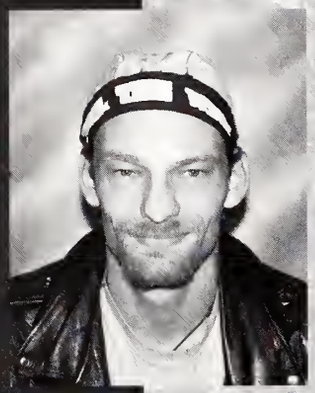
Chad Corbett

Terri Field

Tosha Halstead

Junior elementary education major Ginny Thompson gives blood during a blood drive in April.

John Hammond



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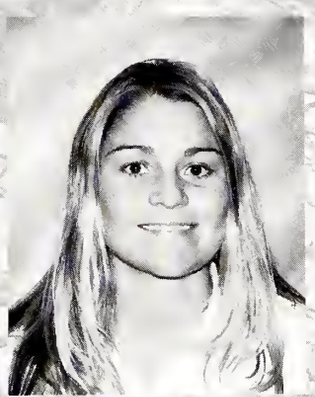

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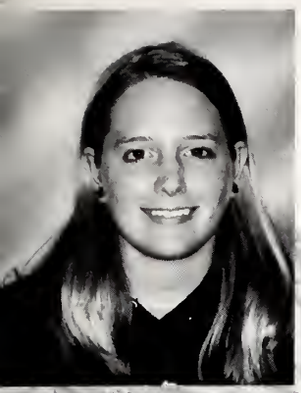

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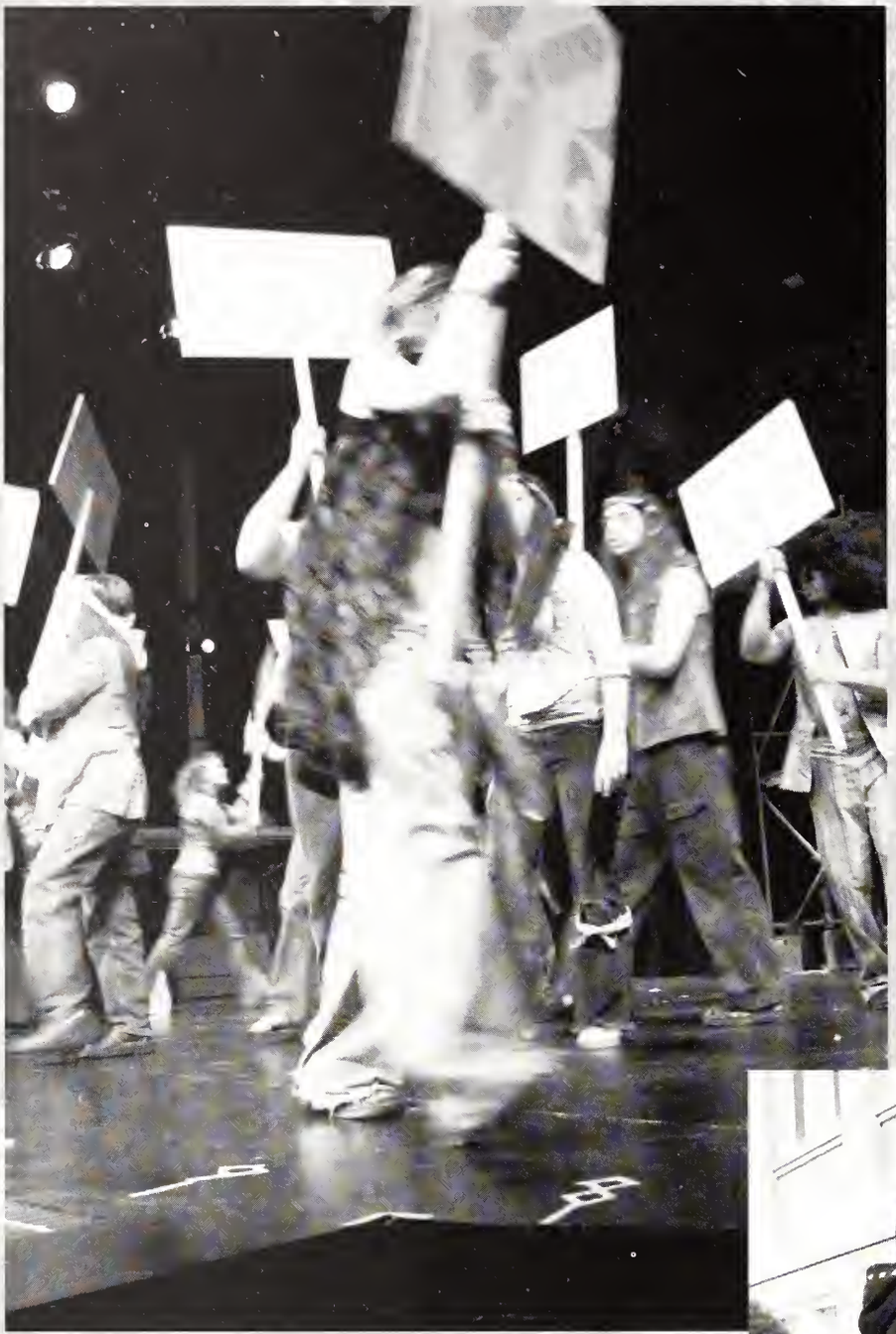
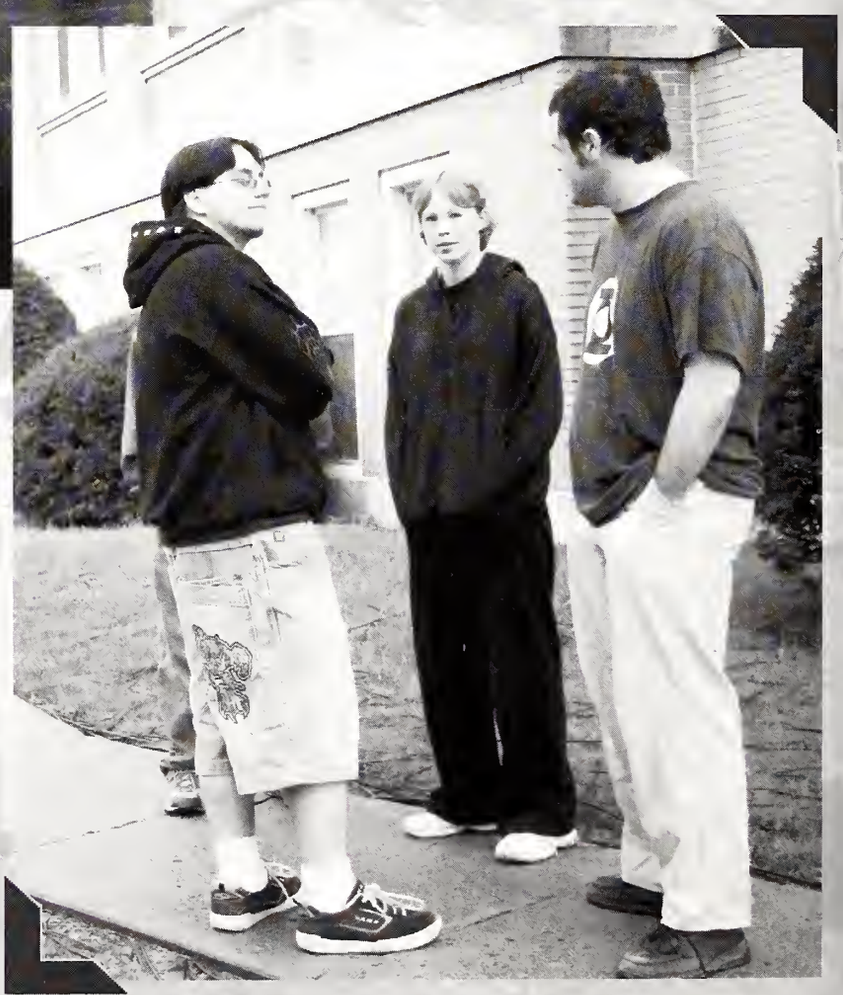


The cast of *Hair* protests during a scene. The popular musical received rave reviews when it was performed on campus in the spring of 2004.



These students entertain themselves while waiting to be allowed back into their dorms during a fire drill last spring.

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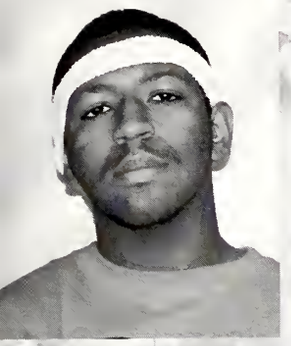
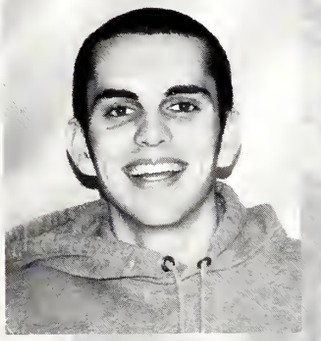
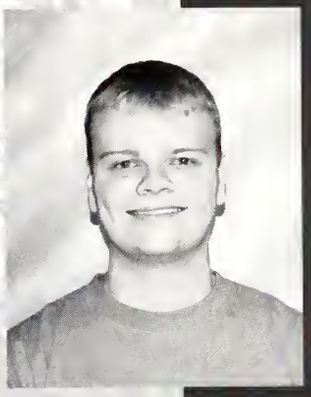
Carla Mitchell

Kelly Moorehead



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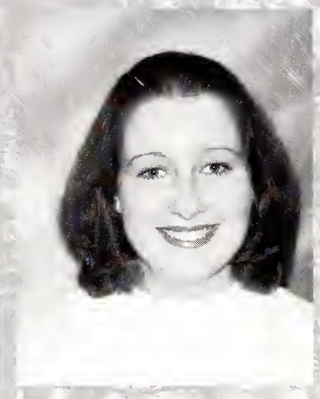

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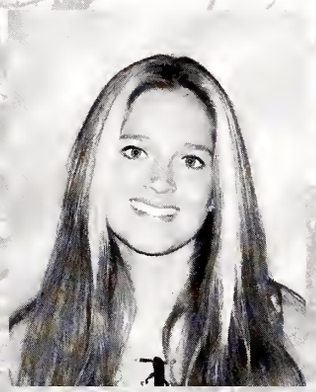

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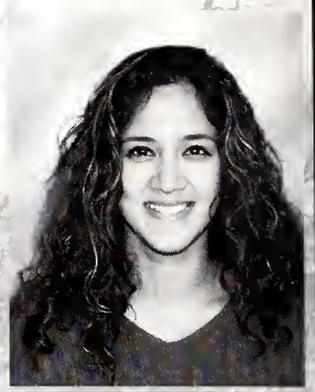

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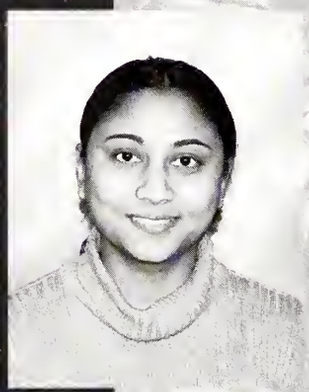

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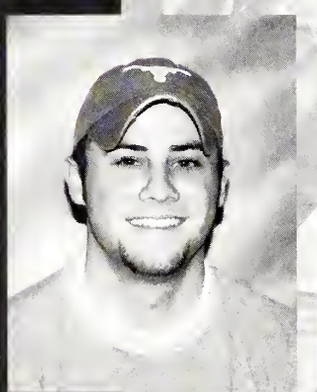

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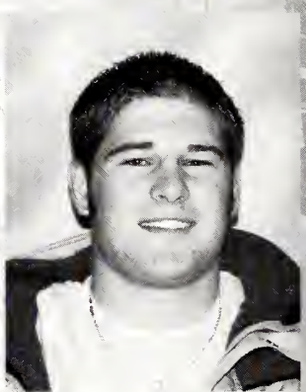

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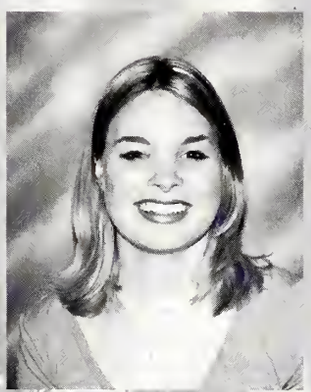
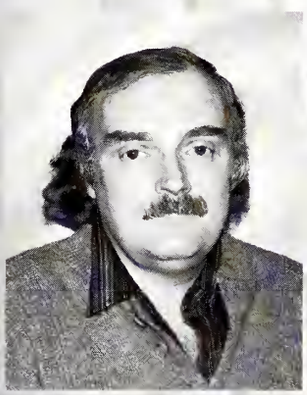

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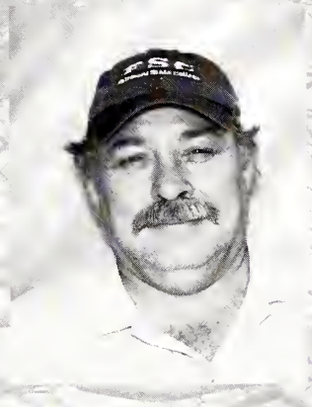

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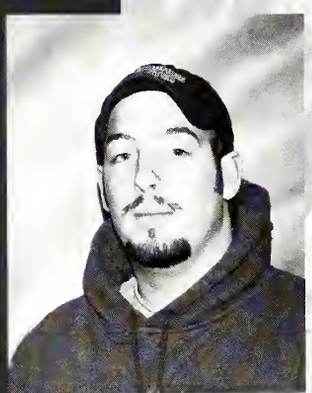

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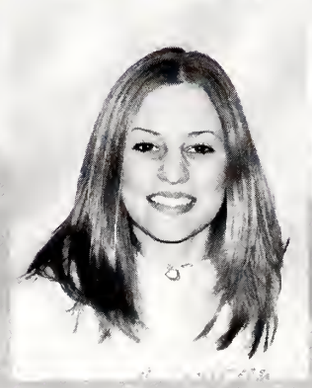

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Tosha Halstead cleans up after making a wax mold of her hand during the first annual Spring Fling.

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Staff member Sharon Glasscock answers the phone in the new Academic Advising Center. The center was relocated to the Turley Center in the spring of 2004.

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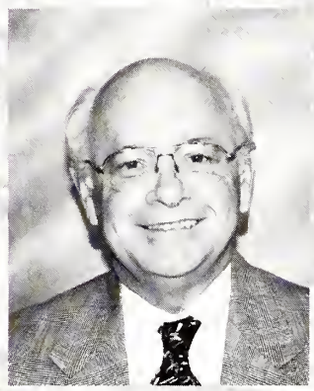

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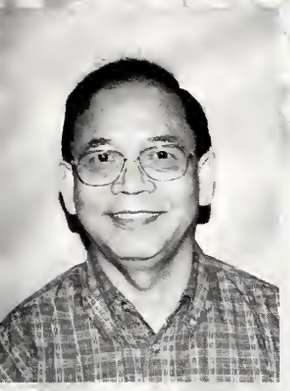

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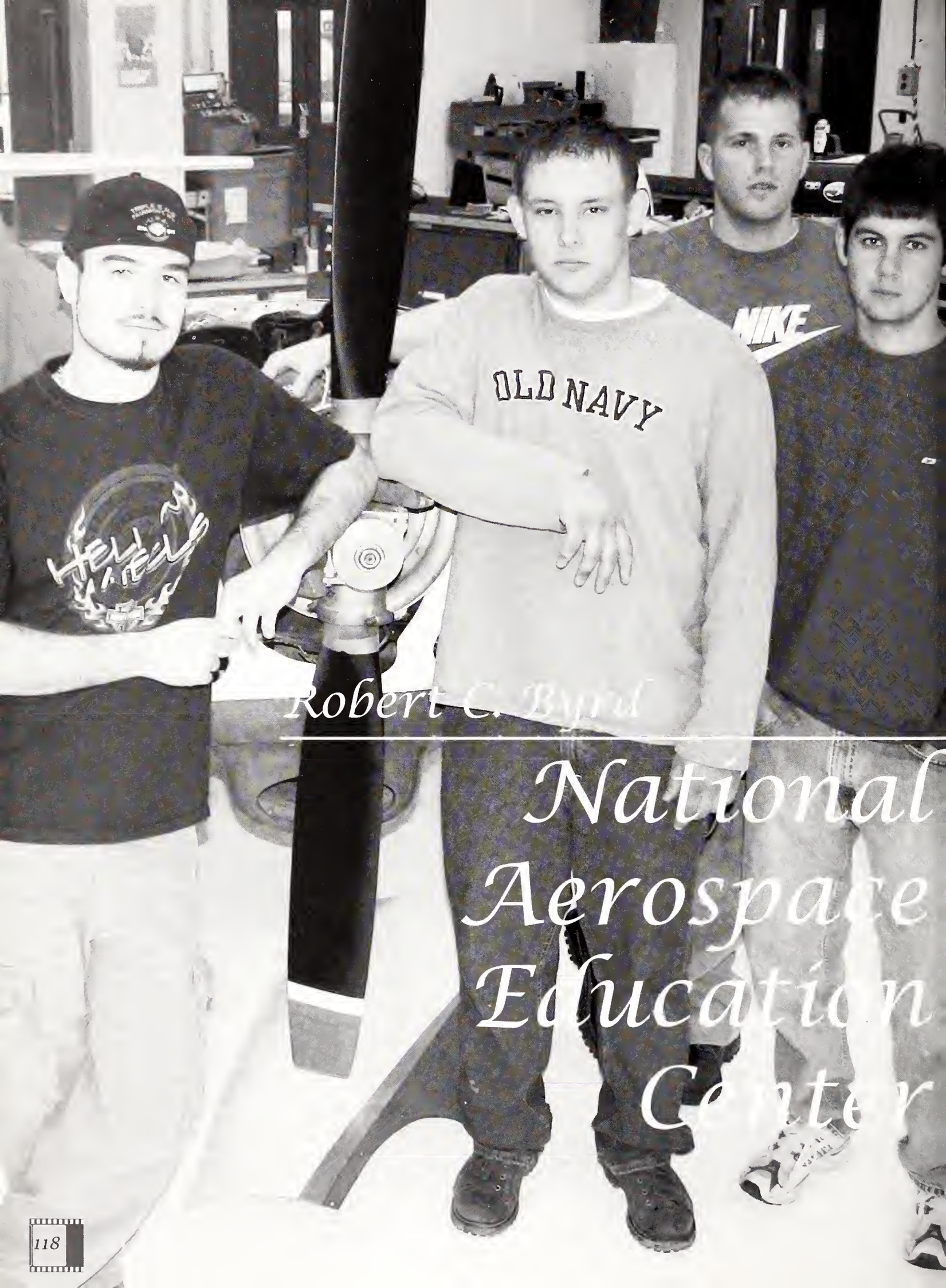
Dr. Matt Hokom takes careful notes during the Honors Fair.

Last spring, Dr. Daniel Bradley presided over the commencement ceremonies of the fiirst class of graduates from Fairmont State University.



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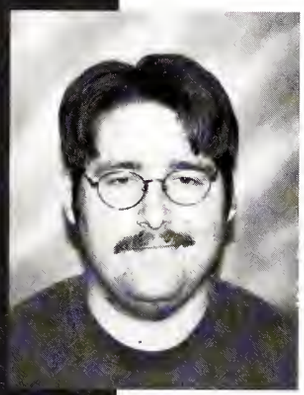

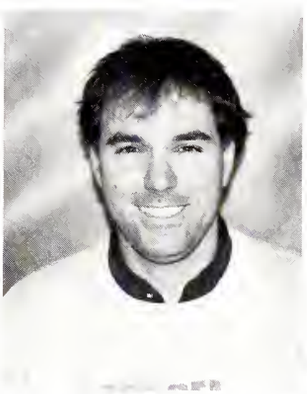

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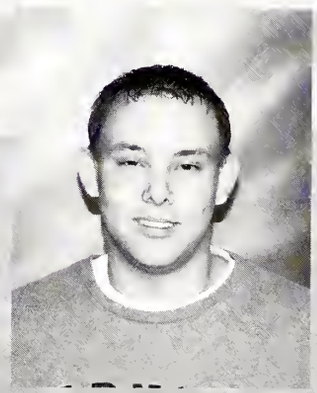

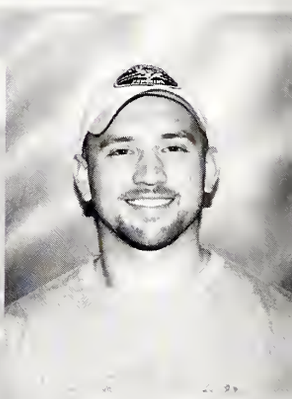

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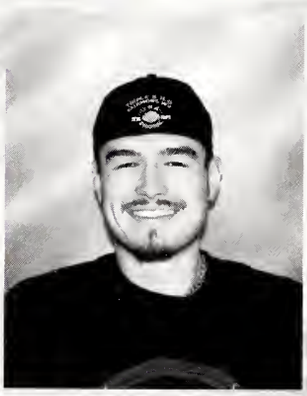

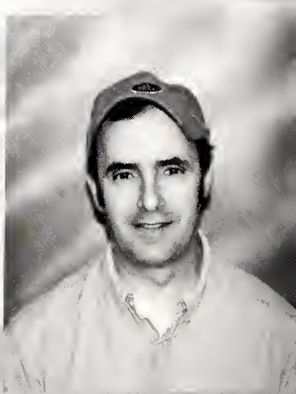

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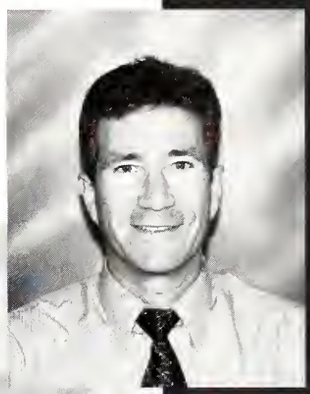

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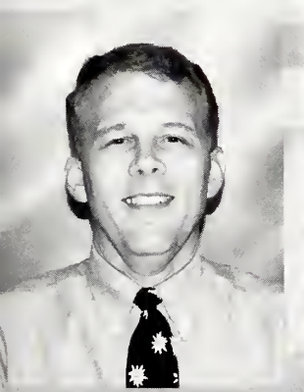

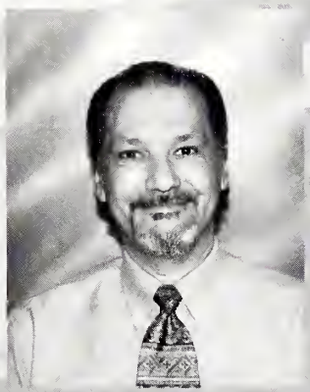

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Sports

In 2003-2004, Fairmont State's athletic teams were celebrated and disappointed, heartened by victories and crushed by defeat. Each time they played, on whatever field, court or course, the athletes of Fairmont State did their best, for their school and for themselves. Each team was unique in what they offered to their players and what they offered to Fairmont State. As a whole, Fairmont State's athletes gave us something to be proud of, something to look forward to, something to talk about as well as something to aspire to.

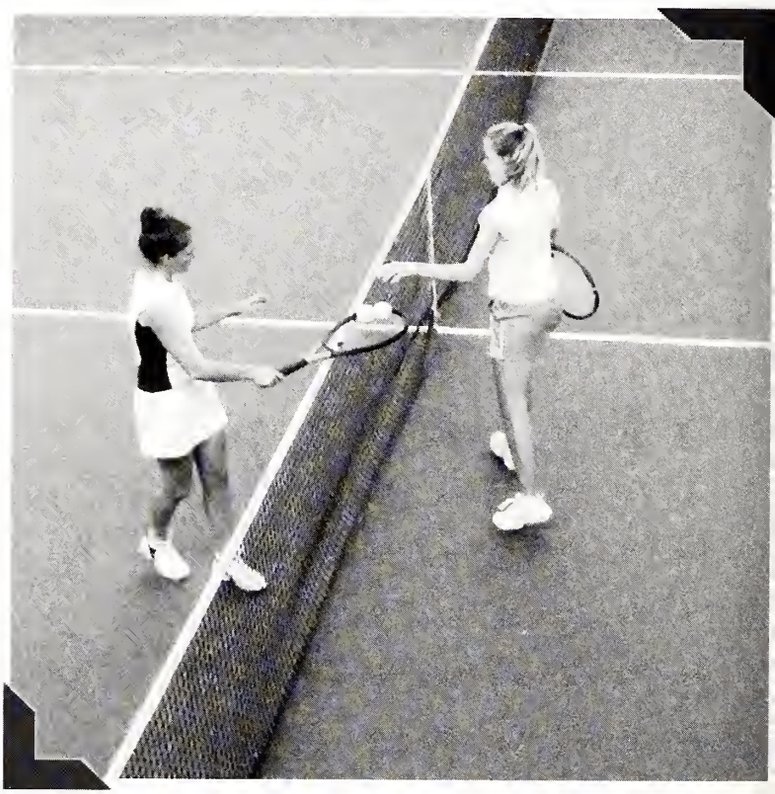
WVIAC player of the year Ann Powroznik works on her short game.

Juli Woy shows off her forehand shot.

Fall

Football

Women's Tennis



Sports

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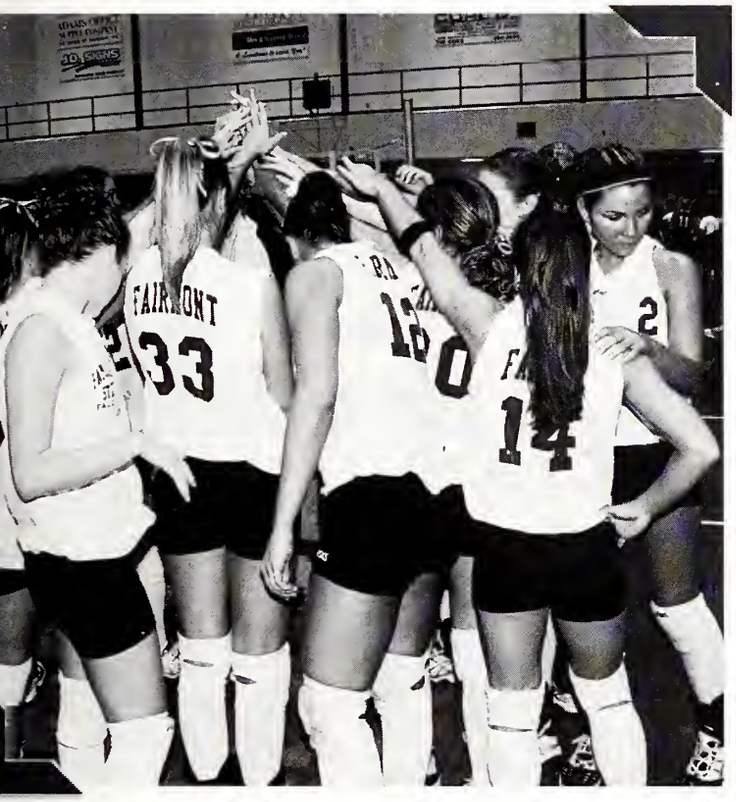

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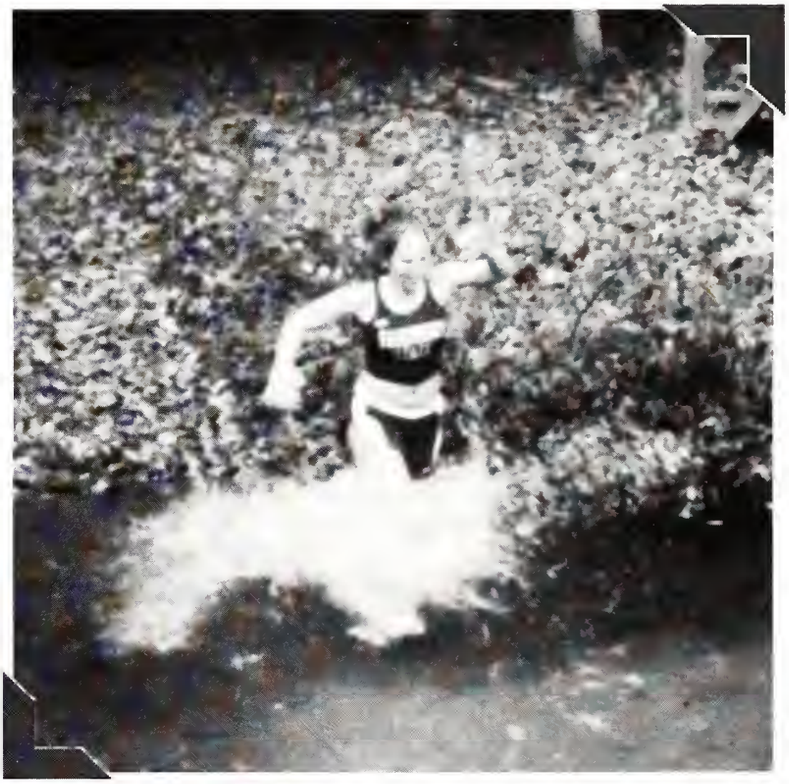


Women's Tennis

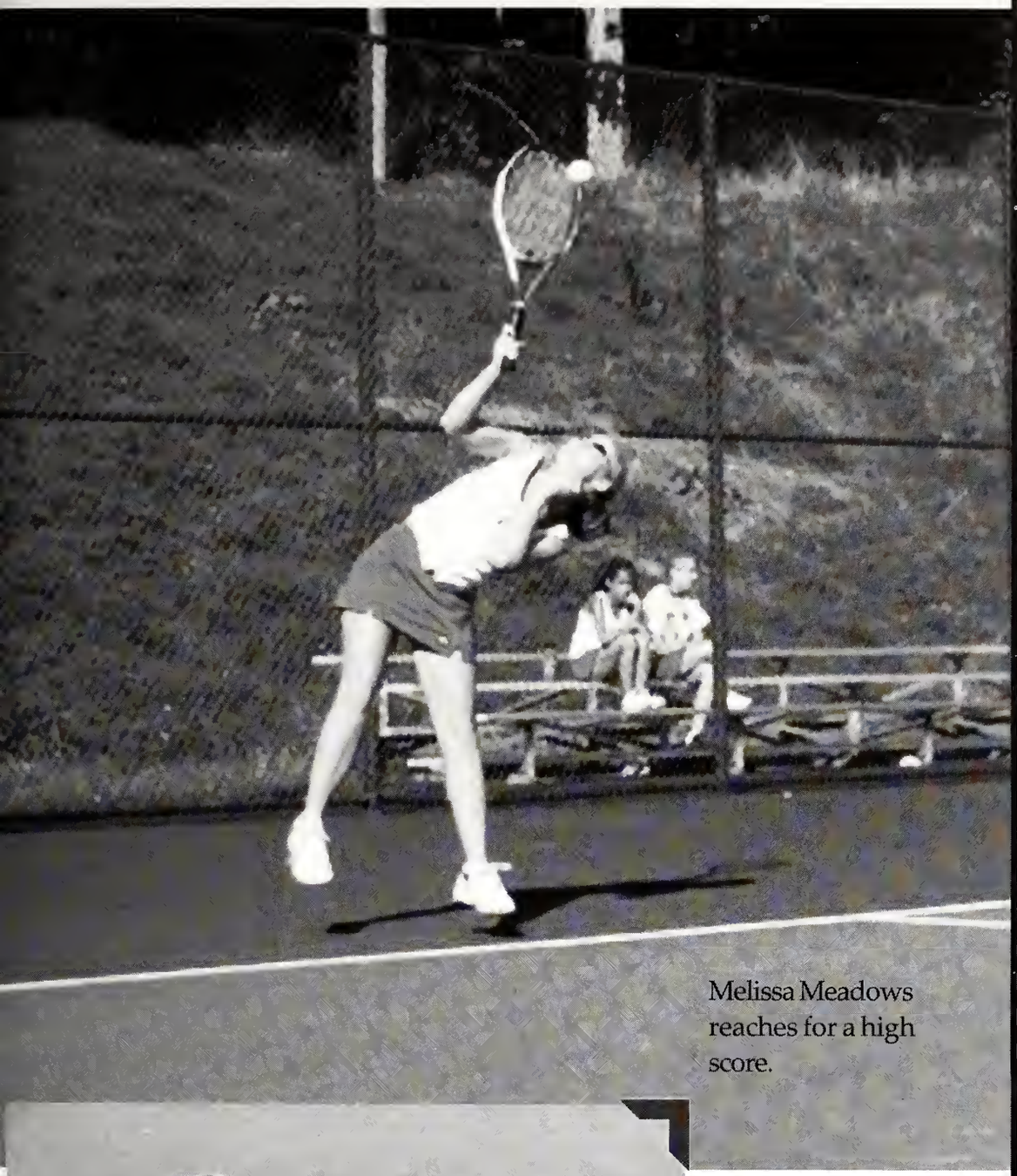
By: Jesse Simon

After losing their two top players due to transfer and graduation, the Lady Falcons Tennis team finished the season with a 4-8 (4-5 in WVIAC) record. They finished eighth out of ten teams in the WVIAC tournament in Charleston. Although the results of the tournament did not turn out as well as expected, it was still a positive season for the Lady Falcons.

Coach Miller had the opportunity to coach a young team during the 2003 season. Four of the nine members of the team played their first year of tennis at Fairmont State. Throughout the season, Miller's young team worked hard and showed progress. Freshman Kayla Kurczak found herself playing number one in doubles and number two in singles play. Kurczak finished the season with a record of 5-4 in the WVIAC. Junior Juli Woy played number one in doubles and number one in singles and finished the season with a respectable record of 6-3 in the WVIAC. First year players junior Amrita Rajkhowa and freshman Tiffany Smith also finished with winning records in the WVIAC. All three doubles teams were compiled of new combinations. However, the number 1 team of Kurczak and Woy managed to finish the season with a winning record of 5-4 in the WVIAC. Both Melissa Meadows and Anna Pawlowski concluded their final season of tennis at Fairmont State.

Photos by John Piscitelli

The 2003-04 Women's Tennis Team
Bottom row (left to right): Kayla Kurczak, Juli Woy, Amrita Rajkhowa, and Melissa Meadows.
Top row (left to right): Tara Taggert, Christina Uhl, Coach Ken Miller, Anna Pawlowski, Erika Mason, and Tiffany Smith.



Melissa Meadows reaches for a high score.

Kayla Kurczak hits a winner.

Cross Country

By: Katie Wilson

The men's and women's Cross Country teams raced through their season to place 8 and 10 in the WVIAC championship, respectively.

Senior Cross Country Lady Falcon Kathy Conrad was named the female BB&T Scholar Athlete from Fairmont State. Scholar Athletes must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale. Conrad was recognized at the WVC state basketball tournaments at the Charleston Civic Center Coliseum along with scholar athletes from 14 other schools.

Other highlights of the season include the men's team's seventh place finish in the Mountain State Forest Festival Cross Country Invitational, hosted by Davis & Elkins College.

At the D&E Homecoming Invitational, the Falcons placed second, but Jayson Lafferee won the individual meet title.

Kathy Conrad placed 28 at the WVIAC championship meet in Buckhannon.

Photos submitted by Cross Country Coach Mary Mlinarcik

2003 Cross Country Team

Front, from left: Kathy Conrad, Rachel Doss, Amanda Conrad, Sarah Miller, Miranda Webber, Jennifer Thompson.

Back, from left: Jayson Lafferre, Justin Kellar, Cole Carpenter, Brian Reider, Keith Bowers, Frankie Grandstaff, Coach Mary Mlinarcik.

Unphotographed: Jarrod Mlinarcik.

Even a creek won't stop Freshman Keith Bowers at a Davis & Elkins meet.

Miranda Webber, Kathy Conrad, Amanda Conrad and Rachel Doss are dressed for the weather at the Regional meet at Lock Haven, PA.

Volleyball

By: Katie Wilson

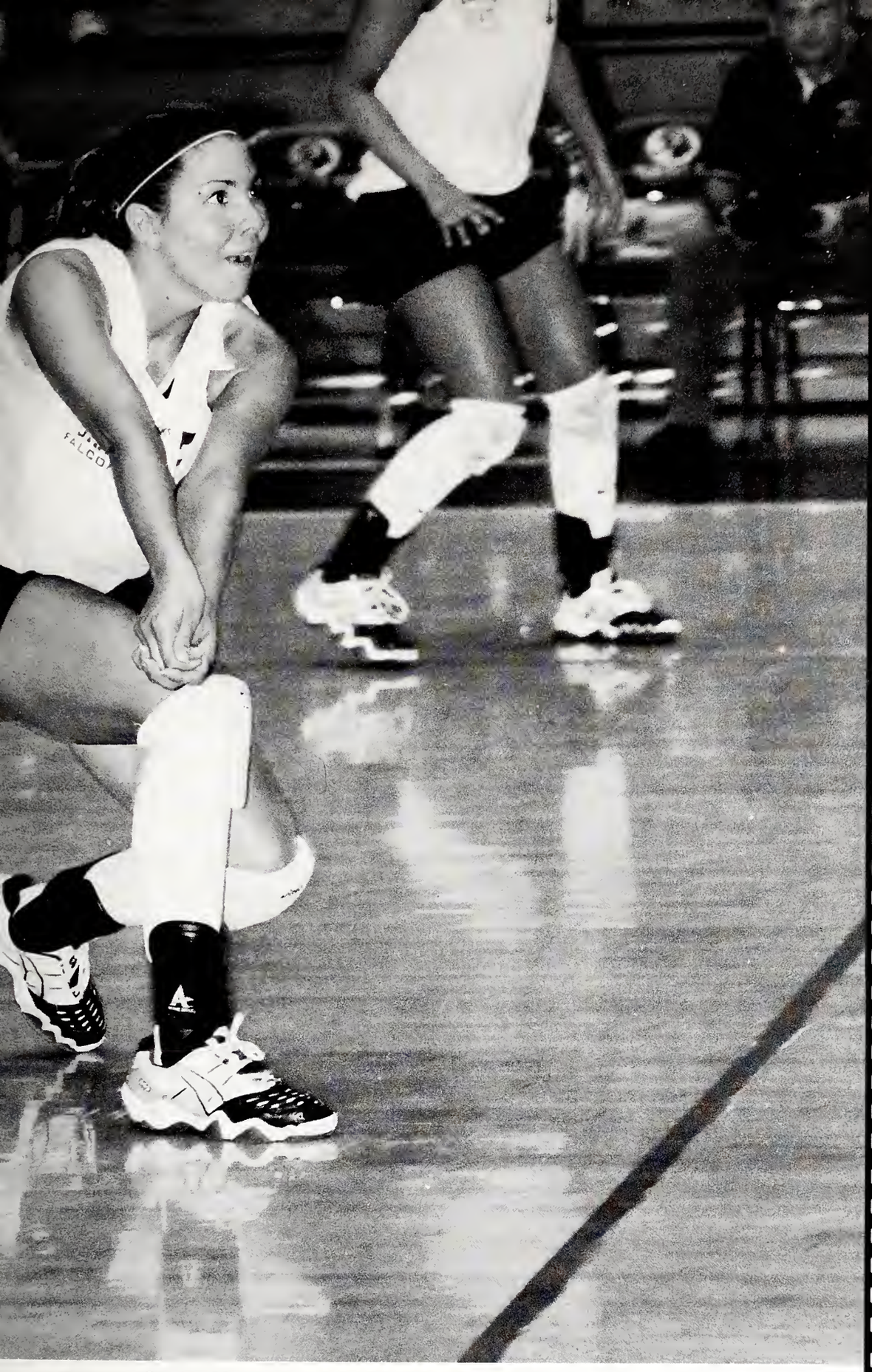
Photos by Nathan Morgan

The Lady Falcons volleyball team finished the 2003 season with a 12-7 WVIAC record.

Four Lady Falcons received post-season honors from the WVIAC. Senior Viviana Luna was named to the All-WVIAC squad. Luna is a 5-9 senior and an outside hitter from Fresno, California. The Lady Falcons placed three as honorable mention selections: Senior Jamie Cecil and junior Lisa Gaston of Parkersburg, W.Va. and senior Jamie Snyder of Ruffsdale, Pa.

At the end of the regular season, Luna led the league average in aces per game (.68), placed fifth in digs per game (3.96) and eights in kills per game (3.41). Senior Jamie Cecil placed second in average digs per game (4.46), while sophomore Kuirsta Stieg placed ninth in average assists per game (7.32).

Seniors Jamie Snyder and Jamie Cecil celebrate teamwork.



Senior Viviana Luna goes deep for a bump.

Football

By: Katie Wilson *Photos by Nathan Morgan*

Fairmont State's football hopes were dashed by a painful losing season in 2003. A win-loss record of 4-6 crushed fans' hopes of gridiron glory. Especially painful was the 28-0 Homecoming loss to Shepherd College.

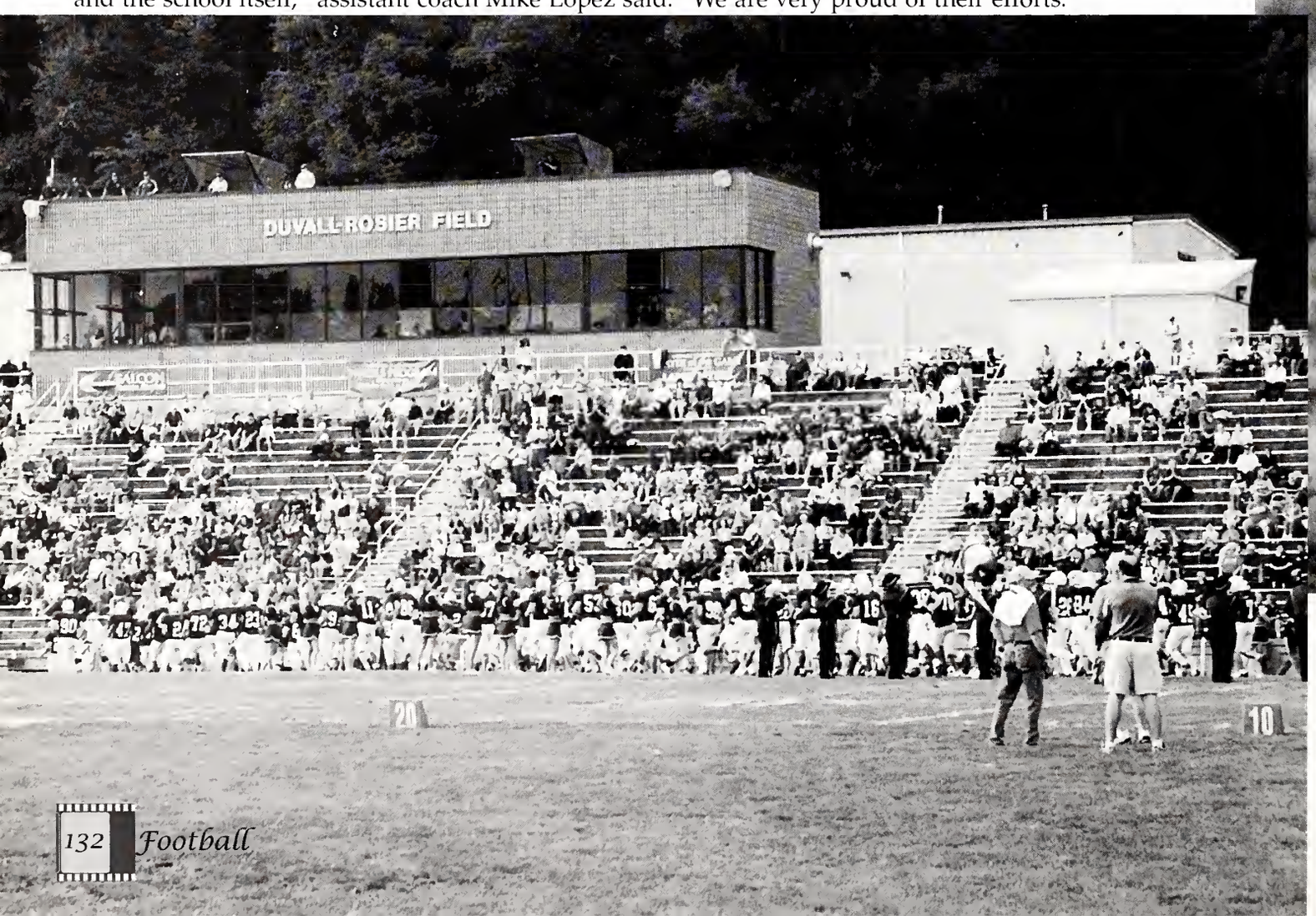
In spite of the team's record, the West Virginia Conference honored fifteen players. Six players were selected to join the All-West Virginia Conference first-team unit. The six honored players were senior offensive tackle Shane Davis, junior receiver Khalid Dover, senior linebacker Ed Smith, senior linebacker/ defensive back Corey Hoppe and senior defensive ends Arlen Holmes and Damian Birch.

Two players were also selected to join the second team for defense. Junior nose guard Dustin Haas and outside linebacker/strong safety Jeremiah Ferrell brought a bit of Falcon pride to the All-Conference second team. Senior offensive center/guard Carl Dorr, senior offensive tackle Steve Tritapoe and junior free safety Isaac Weaver all received honorable mention. Senior punter Jamie Rickard, sophomore kicker Tyler Bailey and sophomore kick returner Josh Romeo also received honorable mention on special teams. Receiving special mention from Fairmont were freshman running back Wendell Johnson and sophomore linebacker Matt Vance.

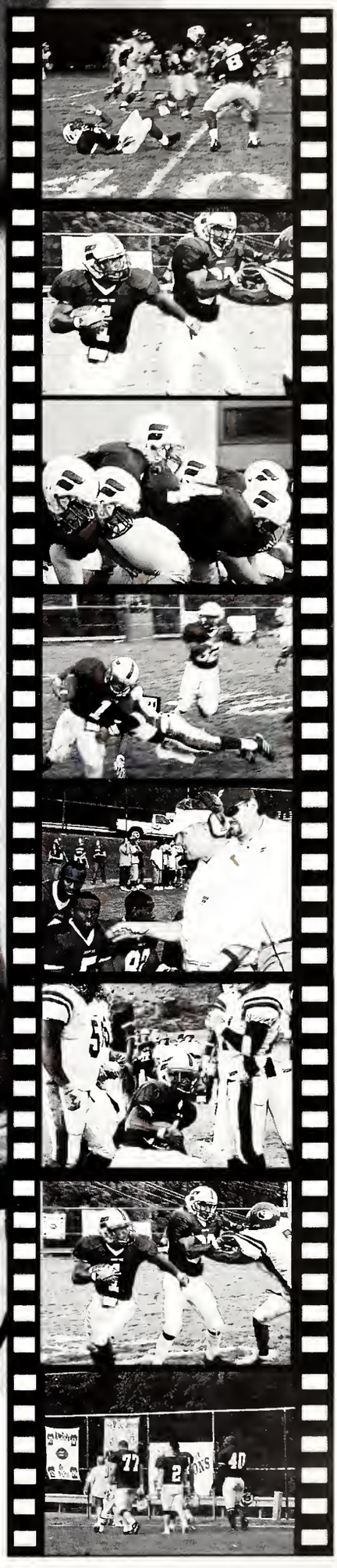
Team members were also selected to play in two All-Star games. Ed Smith, an All-North East Region linebacker and All-American, Steve Tritapoe, Shane Davis and Arlen Holmes all played in the East Coast Bowl Game, was played in Petersburg, VA.

Two Falcons also played in the Cactus Bowl, in Kingsville, TX. This game was viewed on national television. Damian Birch and Ed Smith represented Fairmont State at the Cactus Bowl. Fairmont State was one of only three schools in the country that had more than one representatives on it's team to be invited to play in the game.

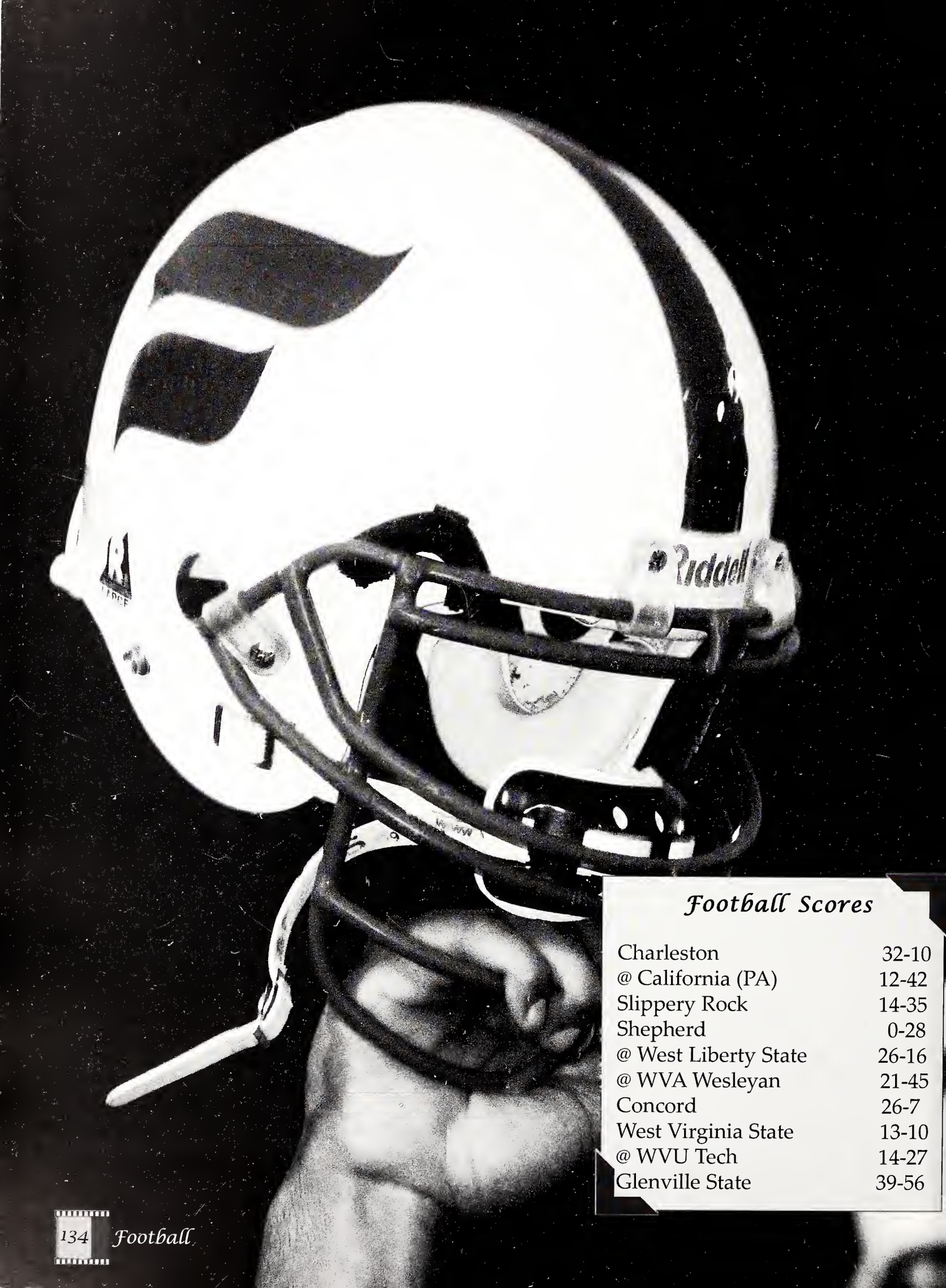
"All of these players worked extremely hard and gave a lot to Fairmont State's football program and the school itself," assistant coach Mike Lopez said. "We are very proud of their efforts."



Head Coach Rusty Elliot just can't believe his eyes.



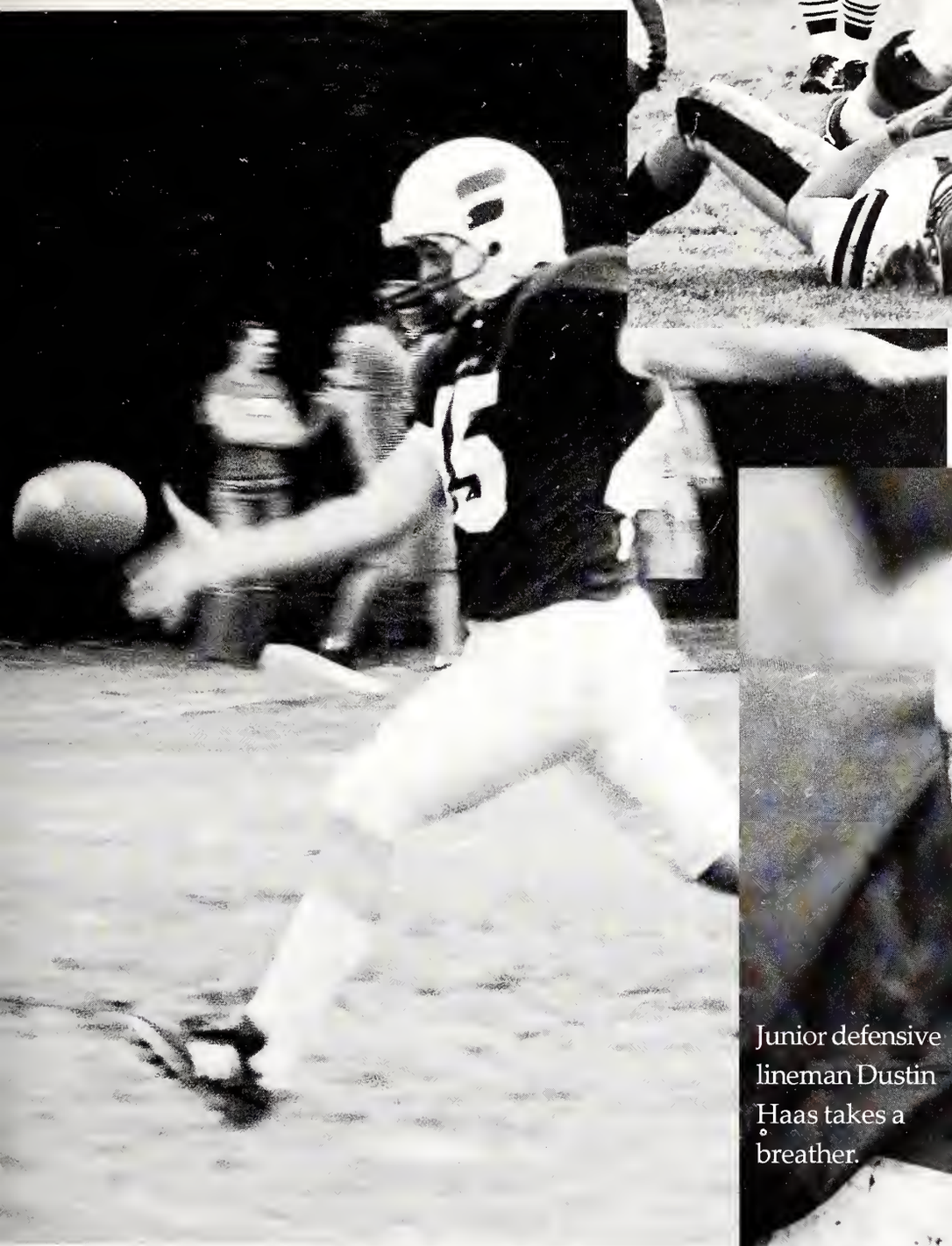
The crowd at Duvall-Rosier field cheers the team to victory.



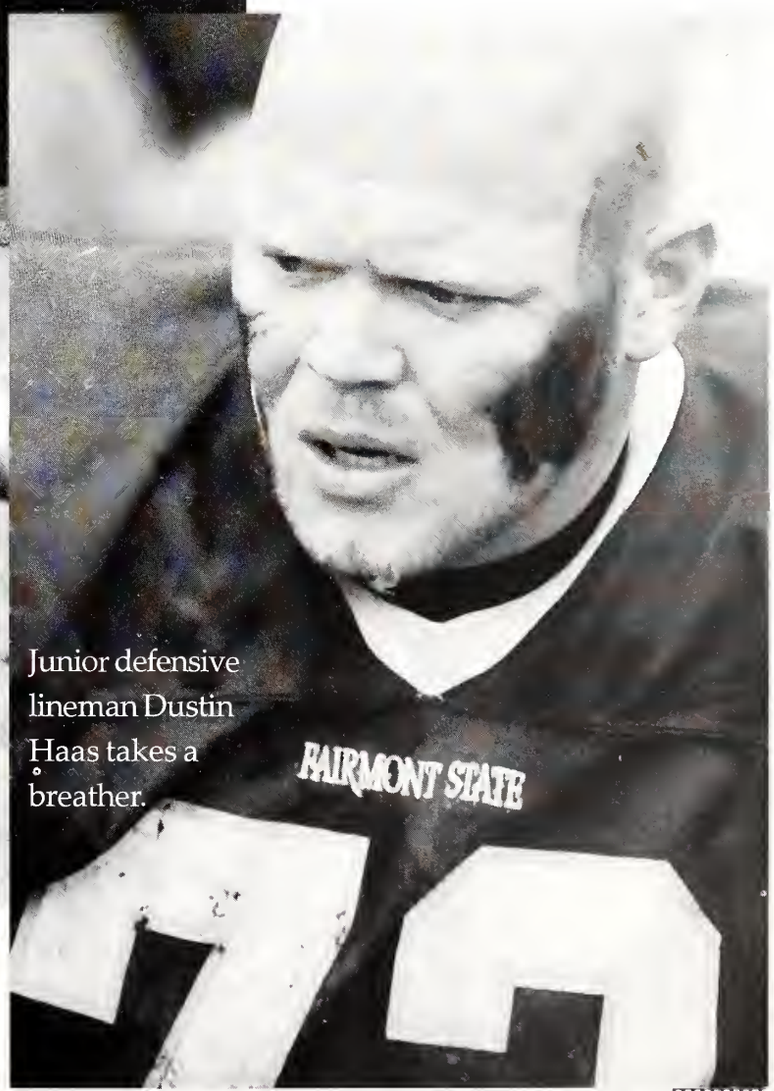
Football Scores

Charleston	32-10
@ California (PA)	12-42
Slippery Rock	14-35
Shepherd	0-28
@ West Liberty State	26-16
@ WVA Wesleyan	21-45
Concord	26-7
West Virginia State	13-10
@ WVU Tech	14-27
Glenville State	39-56

Freshman defensive lineman Wesley Brown takes a look at the opposition.



Senior kicker Jamie Rickard goes for the extra point.



Junior defensive lineman Dustin Haas takes a breather.

Winter

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Swimming

Swimming

The men's and women's swimming teams had a banner season. They wrapped up the season at the Bluegrass-Mountain Conference Championships where the Lady Falcons finished tenth and the men finished fifth. Combined, the Fairmont State swim team finished 9 out of 15 teams.

At the final home meet of the 2003-04 season, five Lady Falcon senior swimmers were recognized for their contributions to the Fairmont State program. Before the start of the meet, Fairmont's women paid tribute to seniors Jody Bishop, Sarah Chicarelli, Maya Nikolova, Rachel Oakes and Michelle Wells.

"Our girls have faced some adversity this year, but they continue to fight for those individual wins and to try to better their times." Coach Pat Snively said.

The Lady Falcon team was chosen as the College Swim Coaches Association of America Academic All-American Team for the fall semester with a 3.467 combined grade point average.

Two members of the men's swim team had outstanding achievements. Rod Hunte won the conference championship in the 200 meter breast stroke and set a new team record for the 200 meter breast stroke, finishing in 2:08.60. Matej Tomas won the 100 meter and 200 meter butterfly events at the Conference championships, and set a new team record when he completed the 100 meter butterfly in 50.07. Matej Tomas was First team All-American in 200 Butterfly and Second team All-American in 100 Butterfly, 200 Backstroke

By: Katie Wilson

Photos by Nathan Morgan

The senior Lady Falcons with Coach Pat Snively at the conference meet . From left Maya Nikolova, Sarah Chicarelli, Rachel Oakes, Michelle Wells, Coach Snively, Jody Bishop. Photo submitted by Coach Pat Snively.

Sophomore Rod Hunte smiles for the camera after winning the 200 breaststroke at the conference meet. Photo submitted by Coach Pat Snively.

Men's Basketball

The 2003-04 season was the final season for long-time coach Butch Haswell. Haswell resigned as the Falcons' head coach after 11 seasons. He ended his tenure at Fairmont State with a 226-93 record. Tim Murphy was selected to replace Haswell. Murphy has served as the Falcons' head coach for the past four years.

Fairmont State President Dr. Daniel J. Bradley said the school's administration was very comfortable with its choice of Murphy.

"We are very pleased to name an internal candidate and an alumnus to this position," said Bradley. "Tim's experience and dedication to our basketball program have made him a well-respected leader. We know he is capable of great things."

In turn, Murphy said he was pleased that the school's current administration had such faith in him to lead the school's men's basketball program.

While Murphy was pleased and excited to take the helm of the basketball program, he realized there will be many challenges ahead, for him and for his team. The team must replace six seniors, four of whom were regular starters on the 2003-04 squad.

The Falcons had a winning season last year, with a final record of 18-10. Even though all five of Fairmont State's starters averaged in double figures last season, only one player was selected to the All-West Virginia Conference Basketball Team. Senior center Rickey Johnson was named to the league's eight-member, second team unit.

By: Katie Wilson

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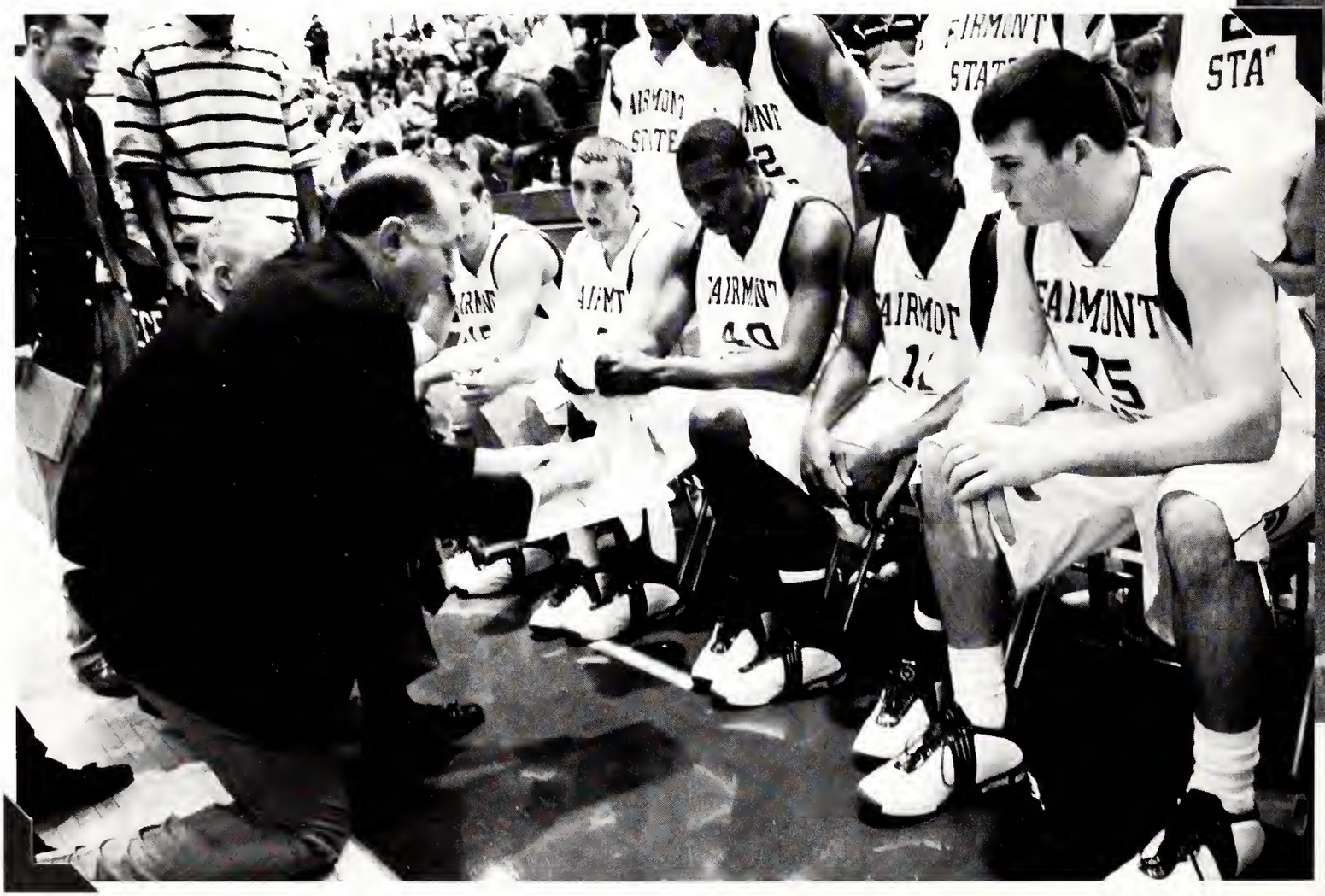
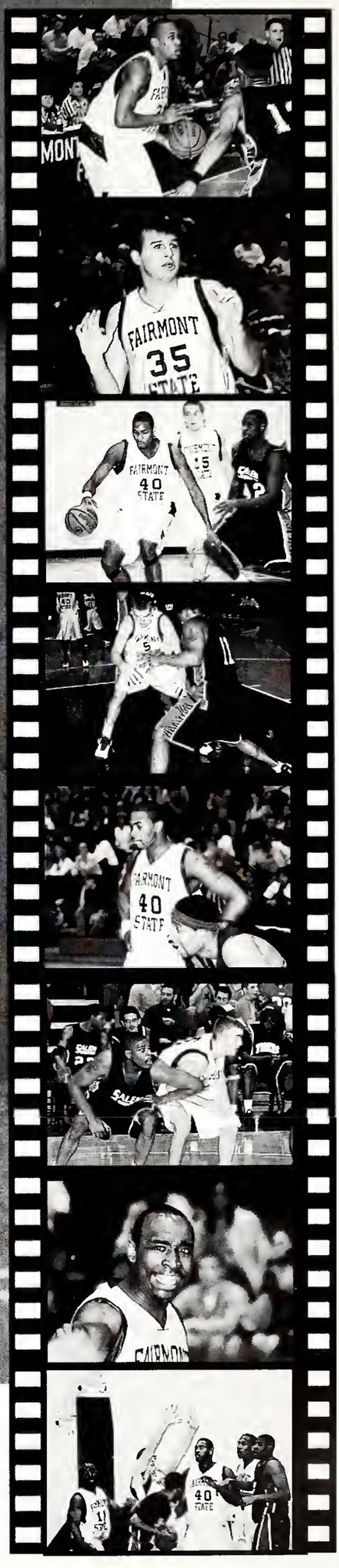


Head coach Butch Haswell talks strategy with his team during his final season as coach of the Falcons.



Freshman Matt Shamblin prepares for a foul shot at the Retton Arena in the Feaster Center.

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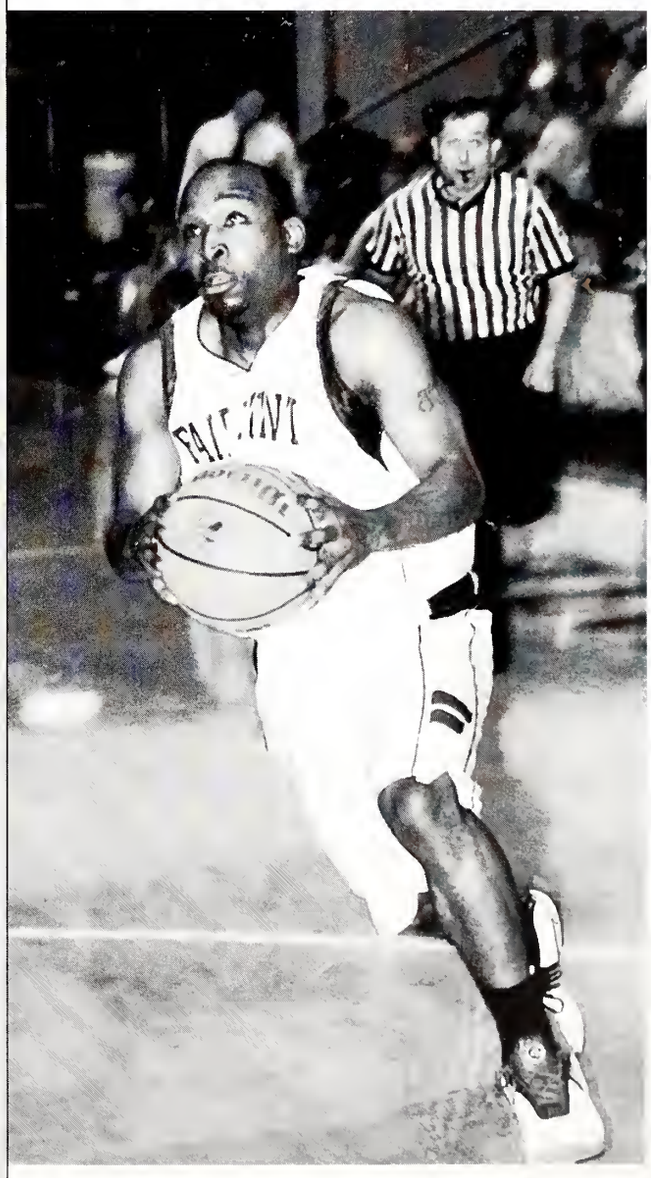
Basketball Scores

OHIO-ZANESVILLE	120-61
BLUEFIELD STATE	75-65
vs Ohio-Eastern	103-73
COLUMBIA UNION (MD)	103-55
* DAVIS & ELKINS	72-58
SHIPPENSBURG (PA)	82-72
vs West Chester (PA)	64-56
vs Ohio Valley	66-63
@ Lock Haven (PA)	54-59
GLENVILLE STATE	62-76
@ W.Va. Wesleyan	64-62
@ Shepherd	61-73
CONCORD	90-81
OHIO VALLEY	77-57
@ Wheeling Jesuit	95-91
@ West Liberty State	78-64
SALEM INTERNATIONAL	64-66
@ Alderson-Broaddus	44-71
BLUEFIELD STATE	115-85
@ Charleston	80-66
@ West Virginia State	83-86
WVU TECH	77-78
@ Ohio Valley	76-63
WHEELING JESUIT	80-86
WEST LIBERTY STATE	103-83
@ Salem International	69-74
@ WVU Tech	91-76
vs West Virginia State	78-95



Women's Basketball

History was made in the 2003-04 season for the Lady Falcon basketball program. For the first time in school history the women's basketball team recorded back-to-back 20-win regular seasons, this year posting a stellar 21-8 record.

Three Lady Falcons were recognized for their efforts with post-season honors. Junior guard Kristen Gattuso was named to the WVIAC first team, while senior guard Erin Fantroy and sophomore Sidney Thomas were both selected to the second team.

Gattuso led the WVIAC in scoring with a 19.4 average, scoring in double figures in 21 straight games. She was also named WVIAC Player of the Week three times. Fantroy averaged 13.6 points per game. Thomas led the WVIAC in rebounding with 10.9 per game and averaged the only double-double in the league, adding 11.6 points per game.

"It was another great year for us accomplishing several goals that had never been achieved. We were lucky to have such a fine senior class in Erin Fantroy, Becky Brown, Shalisha Davis, Monica Brooks and Julie Guttowsky," head coach Steve McDonald said.

By: Katie Wilson

Photos by Kelly Rothrock

Kristen Gattuso and Erin Fantroy celebrate a good play with a high -five.

Kristen Gattuso shoots a free throw from the foul line.

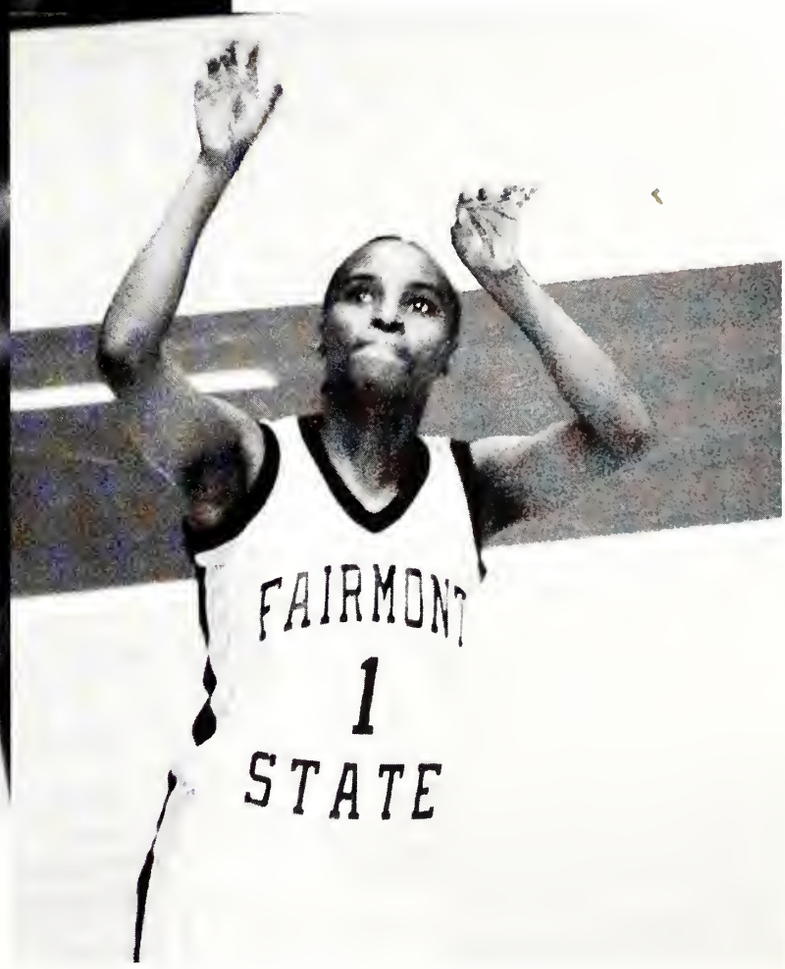
Women's Basketball Scores

Lincoln Memorial	71-64	@ Wheeling Jesuit	72-60
vs. Lees-McRae	85-46	@ West Liberty	68-61
vs. Wilberforce	77-49	vs. Salem International	73-50
Columbia Union	82-51	@ Alderson Broaddus	93-66
vs. Davis & Elkins	75-51	vs. Bluefield State	89-44
at UDC	40-38	@ Charleston	87-70
at Point Park	75-51	@ WV State	83-78
vs. Columbia Union	99-56	vs. WVU Tech	91-69
vs. Point Park	76-46	@ Ohio Valley	88-56
vs. Concord	72-46	vs. Wheeling Jesuit	74-60
vs. Glenville State	62-58	vs. West Liberty	68-52
@ WV Wesleyan	74-73	@ Salem International	67-50
@ Shepherd	70-68	WVIAC Tournament	
vs. Ohio Valley	65-29	vs. WVU Tech	83-46
vs. Univ of DC	80-44	vs. Charleston	83-46

Senior Erin Fantroy shoots a free throw.

Becky Brown, Sidney Thomas and Erin Fantroy celebrate a good play.

Junior Erica Rome signals that she is open for a pass.



Shalisha Davis goes for a three point shot.

Cheerleading

The 2003-04 season was another banner year for Fairmont State's award winning cheerleading squad.

The Falcon cheerleaders traveled to Orlando, Florida to defend their All-Girls Division II national title. For the fourth straight year, Fairmont placed first in the All-Girls Division II category with its qualifying video. The Falcon cheerleaders had to submit a qualifying video which included a floor cheer, a sideline cheer and 90 seconds of skill demonstration. The skill demonstration segment included gymnastic skills, stunts and pyramids. The squad was edged out by the State University of West Georgia, whom they defeated in 2003.

Even though the girls had to settle for second place, they ended their season with a bang when they brought home the West Virginia Conference title. This title win makes an unprecedented 15 conference titles for the Fairmont State squad. The Falcon cheerleaders have won all but two of the conference competitions since the event's inception in 1990.

"Every time we go on the mat to perform we do something spectacular," said senior Stefanie Ross, an elementary education major from the Pittsburgh area. "Whether we have a bobble or a mistake, it's still unbelievable to be on the mat with that many girls who are that talented."

Ross, fellow senior Jessica Mongold and sophomore Julie Drelick were selected to join the All-WVIAC cheerleading squad. Mongold is a three-time all-conference cheerleader. This is Drelick's second time on the conference squad, and Ross' first.

"I feel like our coaches here have really been great to us, and I'm sure if it wasn't for them I wouldn't have gotten picked three straight years," said Mongold, a Petersburg, WV native who is majoring in finance with a minor in management.

The Falcons are coached by Dee Johnson. She was assisted by Cindy Howvalt. Both are former Fairmont State cheerleaders.

By: Katie Wilson

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The Fairmont State Fighting Falcon cheers on the football team at a game.

The 2003-04 cheerleaders show off some of their award winning skills at a night football game.

Men's Golf

Women's Golf

Softball

Baseball

Spring Sports

Men's Tennis

Baseball

The Fairmont State baseball team went for the gold in 2004, and brought it home. The team worked for several seasons to win the WVIAC Northern Division title, and they got it. The Falcons finished the season with a 16-25 record. The Falcons' season came to an end with a 14-0 loss in the WVIAC Tournament to defending champion WV State.

The Falcons were fortunate off the field as well. Several players were awarded honors for their efforts both on and off the baseball diamond.

Seniors George Laase and Luis Cordero were named to the All-WVIAC first team. Junior Nick Pleyo was named to the second team. Junior Mike Burke received an honorable mention.

George Laase was also named to the All-North Atlantic Region first team as a utility player. Laase hit .383 with 4 home runs and 29 runs batted in.

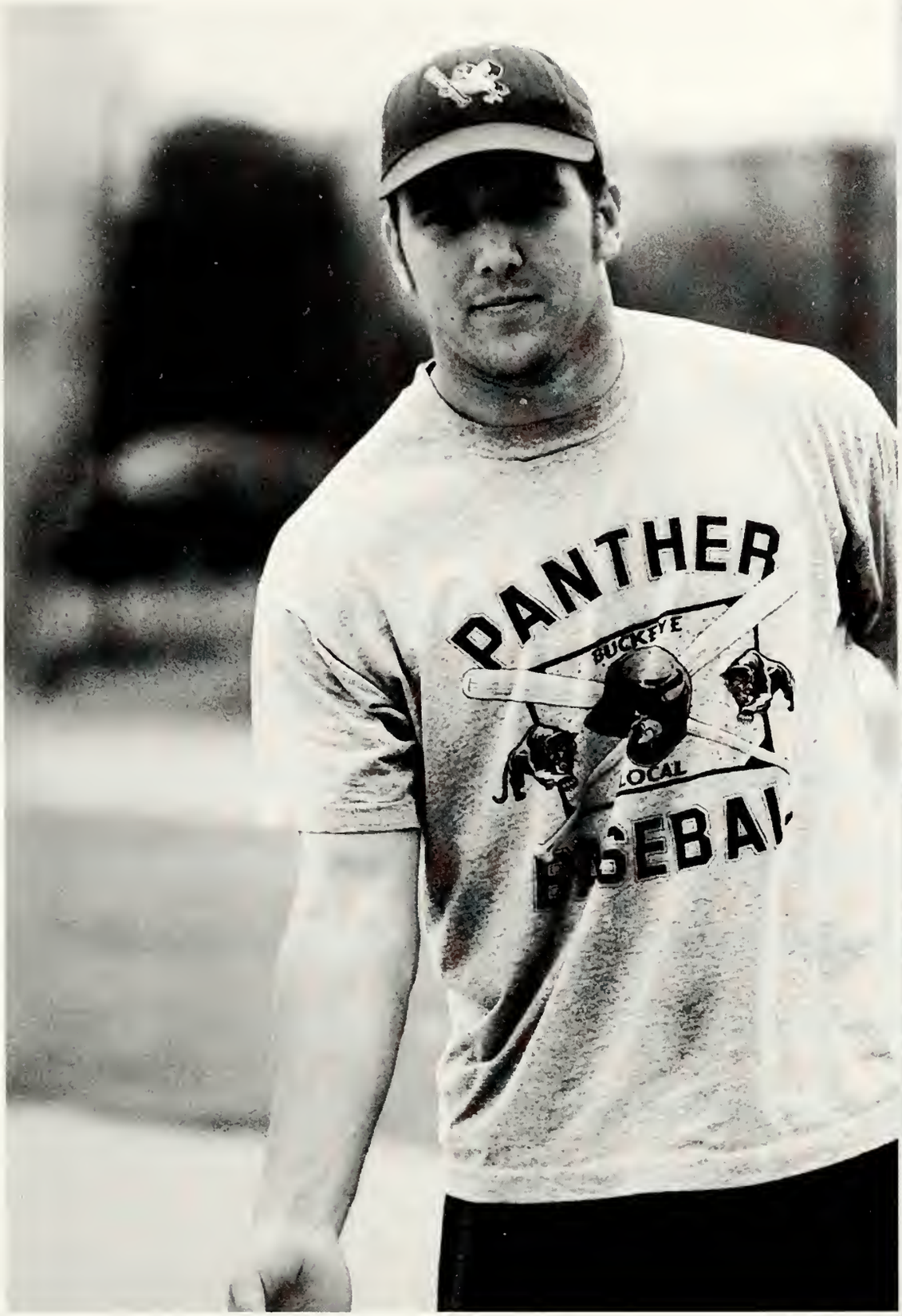
In addition, Laase, a four-year letterman in baseball, won the coveted Jasper H. Colebank Memorial Award, which honors the senior male and female athletes who have done the most during the course of their careers to promote the best interest of athletics at Fairmont State University.

In a feature for the *Times West Virginian*, Laase said, "I consider myself very fortunate, I got a chance to play a kid's game in college and get, and I want to stress this, a quality education. I really feel like I've gotten a great education here and I will finish it."

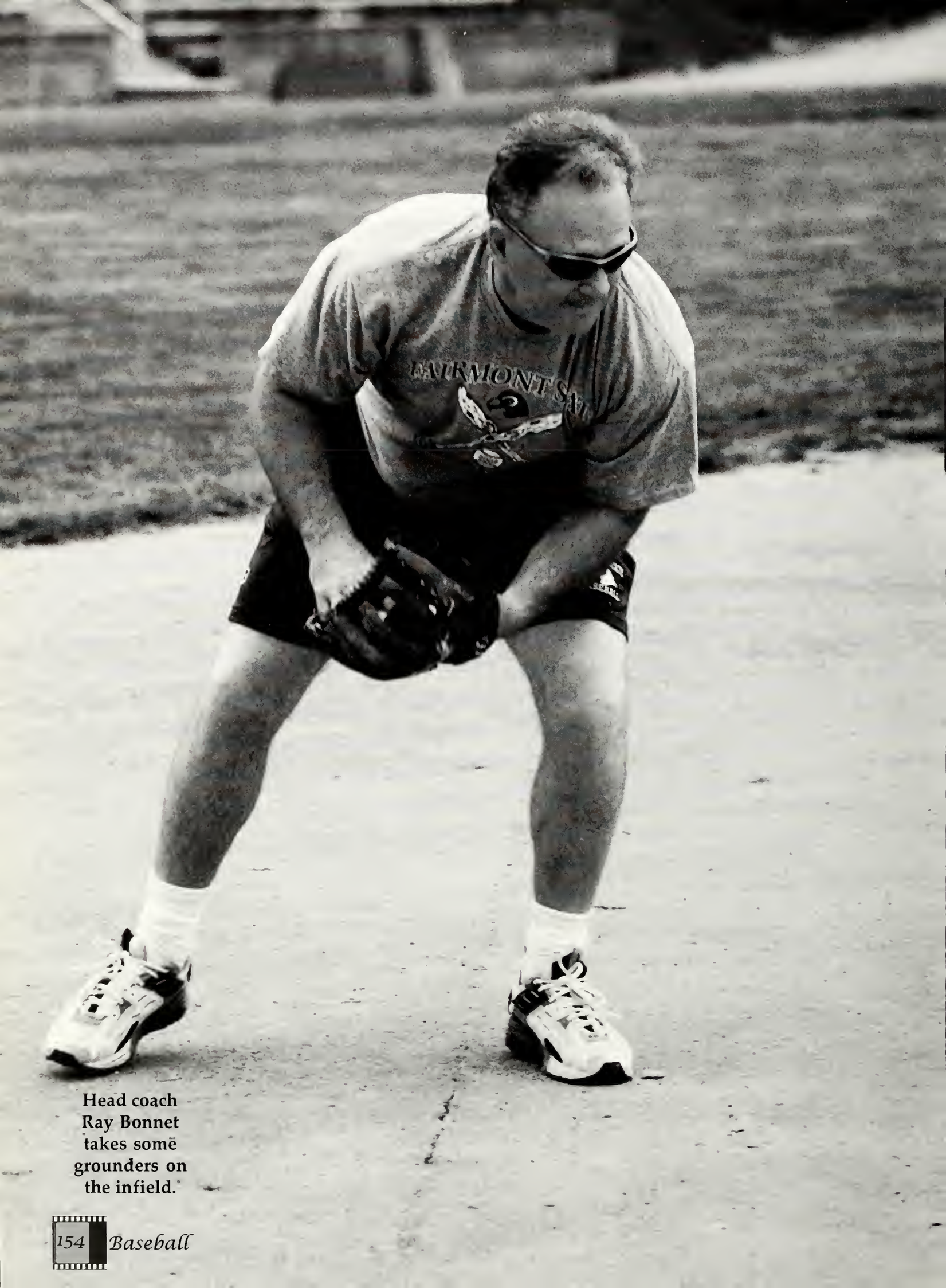
By Katie Wilson

Photos by Nathan Morgan

The 2004 Falcon Baseball team



Senior George Laase tosses the ball to a teammate.



Head coach Ray Bonnet takes some grounders on the infield.

Infielder Matt Lauer prepares to throw one home

Blaine Durst waits for his chance to field some grounders.

Junior second baseman Eric Spatafore gets some infield practice.

Softball

The Fairmont State softball team went the distance in 2004, holding a winning record of 13-11 and hanging onto a seventh place finish in the WVIAC. The Lady Falcons softball team closed out the regular season with two doubleheader victories against Concord at home.

Fairmont State was eliminated from the WVIAC Tournament with back-to-back losses to #3 seed Alderson-Broaddus 3-0 and to #2 seed West Liberty 3-0.

Three Lady Falcons received the honor of being named to the all-WVIAC second team. Sophomore Tara Black, junior Jessica Greathouse, and senior Brandis Trickett were all selected to the team by voting among the conference's 15 coaches. Senior Becky Brown also received an honorable mention.

"This season didn't go as well as we expected," Coach Bokanovich said. "We played well defensively all year, but our bats just quit hitting."

Bokanovich felt that next year should be better for the Lady Falcons. There were only two graduating seniors on the 2004 team, so the wealth of experienced players combined with several new recruits promised an even better season in 2005.

This was Joni Bokanovich's fourth season as head coach.

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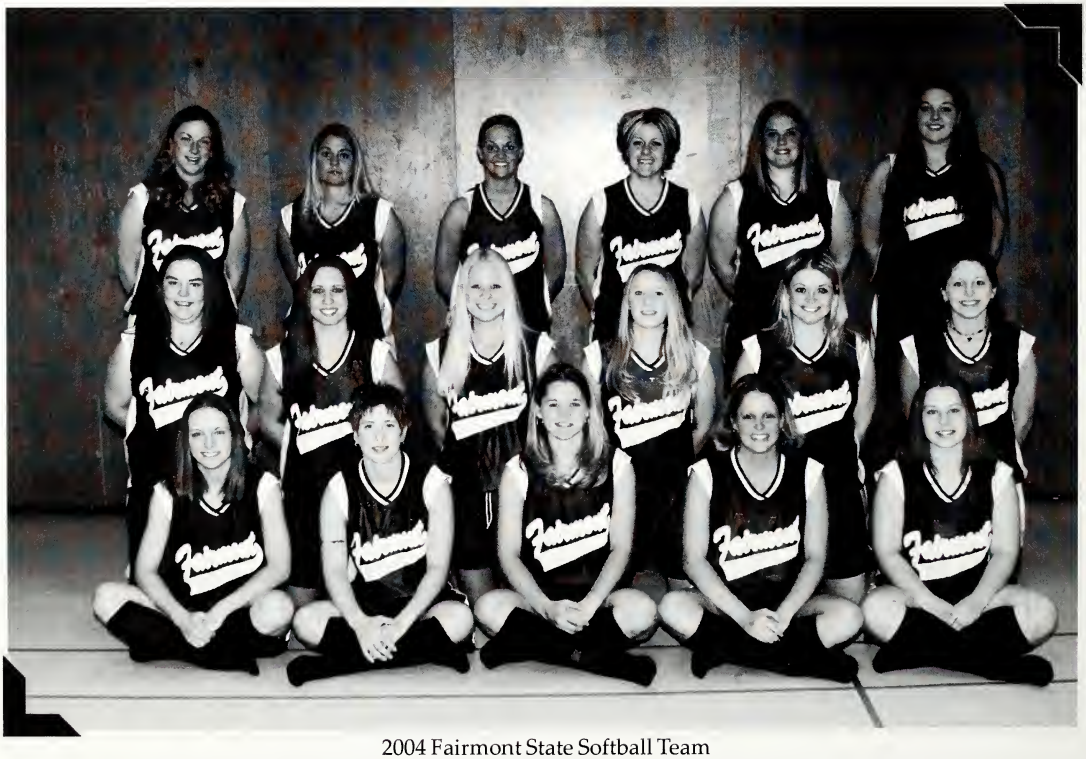

2004 Fairmont State Softball Team
(From left) Row 1: Tara Lewis, Sheena Zbosnik, Lacey Parker, Tara Black, Beth Nutter
Row 2: Lori Backus, Adrienne Belcastro, Brandis Trickett, Julie Bolyard, Abbey West, Stephanie Luzader
Row 3: Becky Brown, Morgan Hill, Erica Glance, Emily Wymer, Ashlea Loy, Jessica Greathouse

Senior infielder Becky Brown runs the bases after a hit.

Men's Golf

By Katie Wilson

Photos by Nathan Morgan

The Fairmont State men's golf team finished ninth in the WVIAC Conference championships in April to conclude an excellent beginning season for first-time head coach Reid Amos. This was also the first season for assistant coach Michael Walker.

Amos and Walker were given an exceptional chance to build a great men's golf program at Fairmont State. Their ten-man golf team is mostly made up of underclassmen. Literally, half the team was freshmen. After a few years and some more experience, Coach Amos feels the men's golf team will be unstoppable.

"I think that this team performed a little above expectations considering how young this team was," Amos said. "Good things are coming for this program."

"The fourth place finish at the WVIAC Northern Regional at Oglebay's Jones Course was the highlight of the season. We started three freshmen and two sophomores most of the season and this tournament showed our marked improvement. We defeated the East Region champion Charleston at that tournament, which makes me think we're on the right track."

Freshman Jon Burnside contributed to the highlights of Coach Amos' inaugural season by winning the Shepherd Invitational. At the Invitational, Burnside shot 71 to claim his first collegiate medalist victory.

The 2004 Men's Golf Team
From Left: Vinny Gala, Tyler Franklin, Jon Burnside, Coach Reid Amos, Brad Ullman, Doug Kirkpatrick, Matt Hiener
Unphotographed: Micah Morrison, Josh Gee, Jobie Wright

Freshman Tyler Franklin keeps his eye on the ball as he sends a long shot to the green.

Women's Golf

While the men's golf team was building for the future, the women's golf team was reaping the rewards of their own rebuilding. The Fairmont State Lady Falcons golf team repeated their West Virginia Conference championship win.

Junior Ann Powroznik ran away with the championship tournament, finishing with a 161. All four of the Lady Falcons placed in the top 20 at the championships: junior Kristina Shannon placed fourth, senior Erin Curry placed fifth and junior Jennifer Smith placed seventh. The championships were held at Oglebay's Crispin Golf Course.

"We were lucky to pull this off after not having a lot of practice time because of the weather," head coach Brenda Moran said following the win. "I'm hoping that these conference championship wins will help enhance our recruiting. We are trying to change the culture of women's golf to earn more respectability for women golfers,"

Enhancing recruiting is just one of the goals of the women's golf program at Fairmont State. Coach Moran had goals for the success of the team not only through good scores, but also from the balance the players achieved through their academics, socialization and community activities.

Moran's strategy worked well. Three of the four team members were chosen to the all-West Virginia Conference first team: Ann Powroznik, Kristina Shannon and Erin Curry. Powroznik was also chosen as the conference's Player of the Year for the second season in a row. Coach Moran was named WVC coach of the year for the second season.

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2004 Women's Golf Team
From left: Head Coach Brenda Moran, Kristina Shannon, Jennifer Smith, Ann Powroznik and Erin Curry
Photo courtesy *Times West Virginian*

Ann Powroznik keeps her eye on the ball.

Men's Tennis

The 2004 season was a good one for the Fairmont State men's tennis team. Even though the team had a disappointing 3-7 record, the team and the coach was satisfied with their season.

"It would've been nicer to finish higher in the conference, but it was a good season. The team gets along well; they're a great group of guys," said sophomore Justin Layfield.

Junior Tyson Riggleman agreed.

"We had a better team this year than in the past. We've got a great coach."

This team didn't seem to get its satisfaction from the scoreboard as much as from the individual development and teamwork of its players. The major proponent of this theory was Head Coach Ken Miller.

"The smaller sports, like tennis, help to fulfill students' needs outside of academics. We teach the same values that the larger sports teach, without the pressure to win all the time. That's what the smaller sports are all about."

Team captain Jesse Simon credited Miller with giving him a long time appreciation of the game.

"I truly have enjoyed playing tennis for Coach Miller. He has accomplished what many coaches lose sight of somewhere along the line—making sports fun. I had not played tennis until college; now I have developed a love for the sport that will last for a long time to come. We have a great group of guys on our team and I wish them and Coach Miller the best for next year."

Simon is the only graduating senior on the team. In addition to his status as team captain, Simon earned two prestigious awards because of his dedication to his studies. Simon was honored as one of the West Virginia Conference's BB&T Scholar Athletes, and he received the Easton K. Feaster Award, which goes to the senior female and male athletes at Fairmont State with the highest overall grade-point averages.

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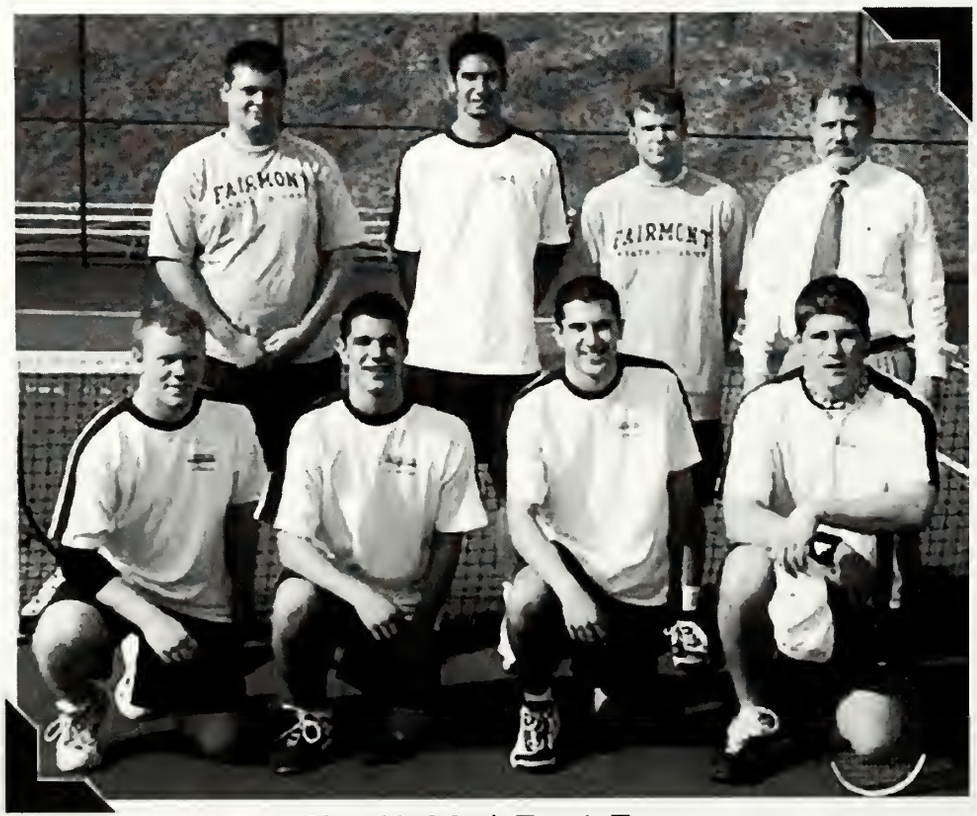


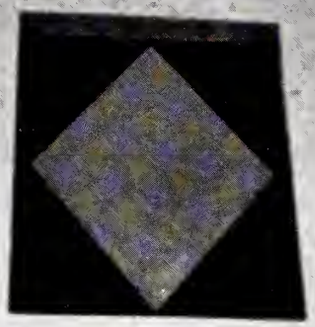
The 2004 Men's Tennis Team
Top from Left: Ben Benedict, Jesse Simon, Jamie Smith, Coach Ken Miller.
Front: Justin Layfield, Dave Marquette, Mark Carpenter, Tyson Riggleman
Photo by John Piscitelli

Scholar athlete and team captain Jesse Simon reaches to return a serve.

Academic Schools Develop...

...leaders, not followers. The academic schools of Fairmont State help students build a sense of respect for themselves and for their fields of study. Every school has something to be proud of, and that is their students. Students getting involved within the schools is what makes Fairmont State's departments so strong. This is a tradition that will continue for many years to come.

Developing The Teachers of Tomorrow



SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Keeping the Tradition Alive....

By: Justin Van Slyke

The Fairmont State School of Education has always prepared undergraduate students to do their best with their years at Fairmont. Students from the school of Education usually pursue various graduate studies. Fairmont State prepares them for a professional career in education, organizations, and agencies in the diverse American society.

The School of Education helps students with their intellectual, personal, and social development for a changing world by creating and providing programs that embody the highest academic and professional standards.

This student watches nervously as she's interviewed for her first teaching job. Photos by Nathan Morgan.

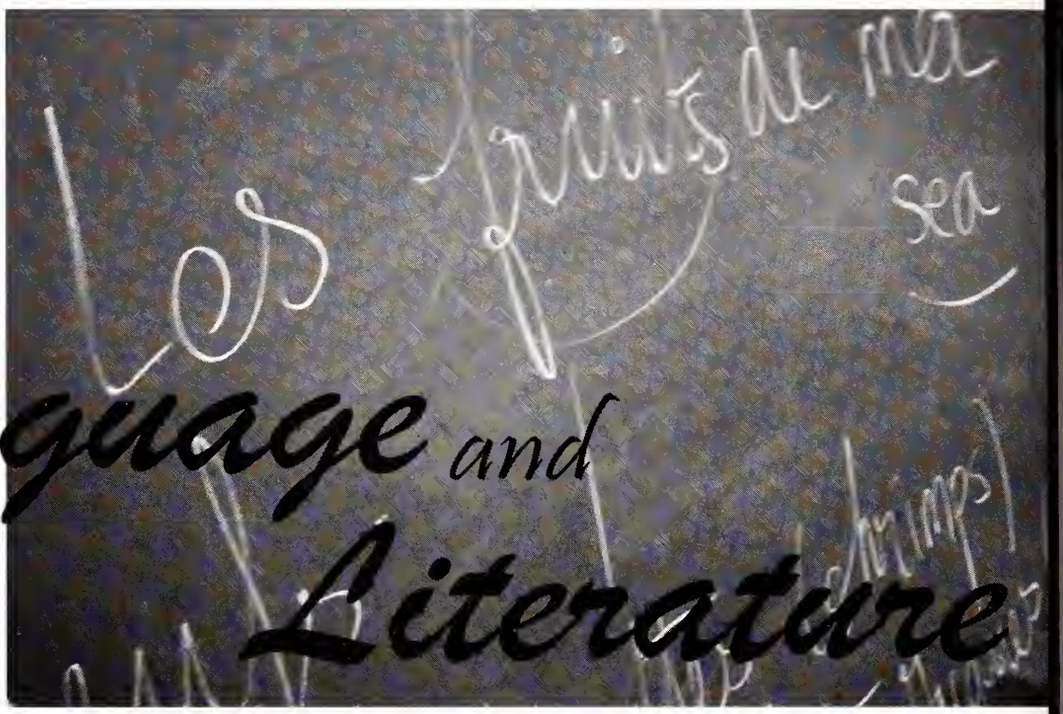
Some of those standards are class observations, summer internships, and student teaching. These activities help prepare students to get a taste of what lies ahead in their professional career in education. Many will go on to teach in elementary schools, or even at the university level.

The Fairmont State School of Education is very proud of their excellent faculty. The faculty here places a lot of emphasis on student-centered teaching, advising, and relevant research. In the School of Education students acquire and apply knowledge from coursework in a variety of supervised fieldwork, internships, practicums, and student teaching experiences that are crucial in finding what field in education is right for them.

The School of Education has a high emphasis on scholarly inquiry, high expectations for achievement, and best professional practices, while establishing beneficial relationships with the public and exchanging relevant ideas and services that speak to emerging needs.

To help graduating students find their first teaching position, the School of Education holds the Education fair. This is one of the biggest job fairs that Fairmont State holds and it is focused just on Education majors. The Education fair attracts schools from all over. Some of the schools were located close to Fairmont, like Cumberland, Maryland and some even stretching all the way to Osela County in Florida. Fairmont State has always believed in helping students achieve their goals and this is just one of the ways the college helps them.

School of Language and Literature



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The School of Language and Literature has always been committed to a new spectrum for research and development for its students, helping students who pass through the school develop a sense of self through the classes they take.

The School of Language and Literature offers classes in English, French, Spanish, folklore studies, library science, journalism, and American Sign Language. Students who are a part of these subjects branch off to many different honor societies and clubs to help the community of Fairmont State become closer than any other small college in the United States.

Some of these organizations are the American Sign Language/Deaf Culture Club, Student Publications, Sigma Tau Delta, and the Society for Collegiate Journalists.

These are just some of the oldest and most respected organizations that represent Fairmont State. The School of Language and Literature strives to help students pursue in their certain field and one of its goals is that every student who walks through the doors of the Fairmont State School of Language and Literature leaves with a well-rounded knowledge of their field and a lifetime of memories. The School of Language and Literature was chaired by Dr. Rhonda Sanford.

Professor Jack Hussey is an institution in the School of Language and Literature. When not amazing his students with his oratory skills, Hussey can be found sauntering about campus.

School of Nursing and Allied Health

By: Justin Van Slyke *Photos by Nathan Morgan*

The School of Nursing and Allied Health Administration has developed majors to fit around the changing world in which we live. Some of the majors that have developed are health administration, emergency services, health information technology, medical laboratory technology, physical therapy assistant, veterinary technology, and our highly appraised nursing program.

The School of Nursing offers a BS and an AS to the students at Fairmont State. The Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program has been designed for Registered Nurses who desire a baccalaureate degree in nursing. The program provides career mobility for the associate degree and diploma graduate nurses. The Nursing program has always prepared nurse generalists who possess the professional competence to provide and coordinate care in situations of health promotion, maintenance, and restoration. The program holds the highest goals and aims to provide a base for graduate study and to prepare graduates to assume accountability for nursing practice in the roles of clinical generalist, client advocate, leader, manager, research consumer and lifelong learner.

Along with the Nursing program, students pursuing a career in Health Administration are held to the same ideals. Health Administration is a comprehensive program which is designed to provide health professionals with the education to become administrators in health care agencies. The curriculum is directed towards meeting the management, problem solving, finance and interpersonal skills that are common to a variety of health care organizations.

The program provides recipients of associate degrees, in a variety of health careers, with the opportunity to continue their education and obtain a Bachelor of Science Degree in Allied Health Administration. An additional intent of the program is to provide career advancement opportunities for those who are already employed in health care organizations.

School of Fine Arts

By: Justin Van Slyke *Photos by Nathan Morgan*

Having a long tradition here at Fairmont State, The School of Fine Arts has been helping student pursue their dreams of fine arts for many years.

The School is a major contributor to the college, through student, faculty, and professional exhibitions and performances in the Art Gallery located in Wallman Hall.

This gives a chance for students to show their art work to students all over campus. Every few weeks, a senior gets a chance to showcase the art they have worked on over the past four years.

Within the context of a broad-based liberal arts education, the theater department is a balanced program of studies that prepares students either to undertake specialized training for careers in theater or to draw upon their arts education in other fields. The theater department gives students a chance to get experience as directors, designers, and dramatists.

Students wanting to pursue production are given the chance every theater season to work on various plays. One of the most controversial plays this year was "Hair." Students and faculty were surprised by the realistic look and feeling they got walking into the theater. This is what the Theater Department strives to do every time they do a play.

All the departments in Fine Arts are committed to cultural diversity and lifelong learning that will help their students prepare for graduate school or wherever their degree from Fairmont State takes them.

Professor Stephen Smigocki demonstrates drawing techniques for his students.

Sophomore Tessa Shackleford shades in her masterpiece.

The School of Fine Arts is also home to the music department, which features all kinds of instruments, like this cello.

School of Social Sciences

By: Justin Van Slyke

Starting off the millennium with a good step, the School of Social Sciences provided leadership in tackling humankind's urgent concerns. The School of Social Science had a diverse group of cultivating professors who prize learning, emphasize knowledge, analyze complex world issues, and dedicate themselves to truth and justice in the field of Social Science.

The Social Science program is focused on risk management, economic performance, political violence, electoral behavior, health care, democratization, social inequality, international trade, and conflict resolution are only a few of the diverse topics that claim the attention of current social scientists in the world today.

Professor Carolyn Jones discusses Social Problems with her class of the same name.

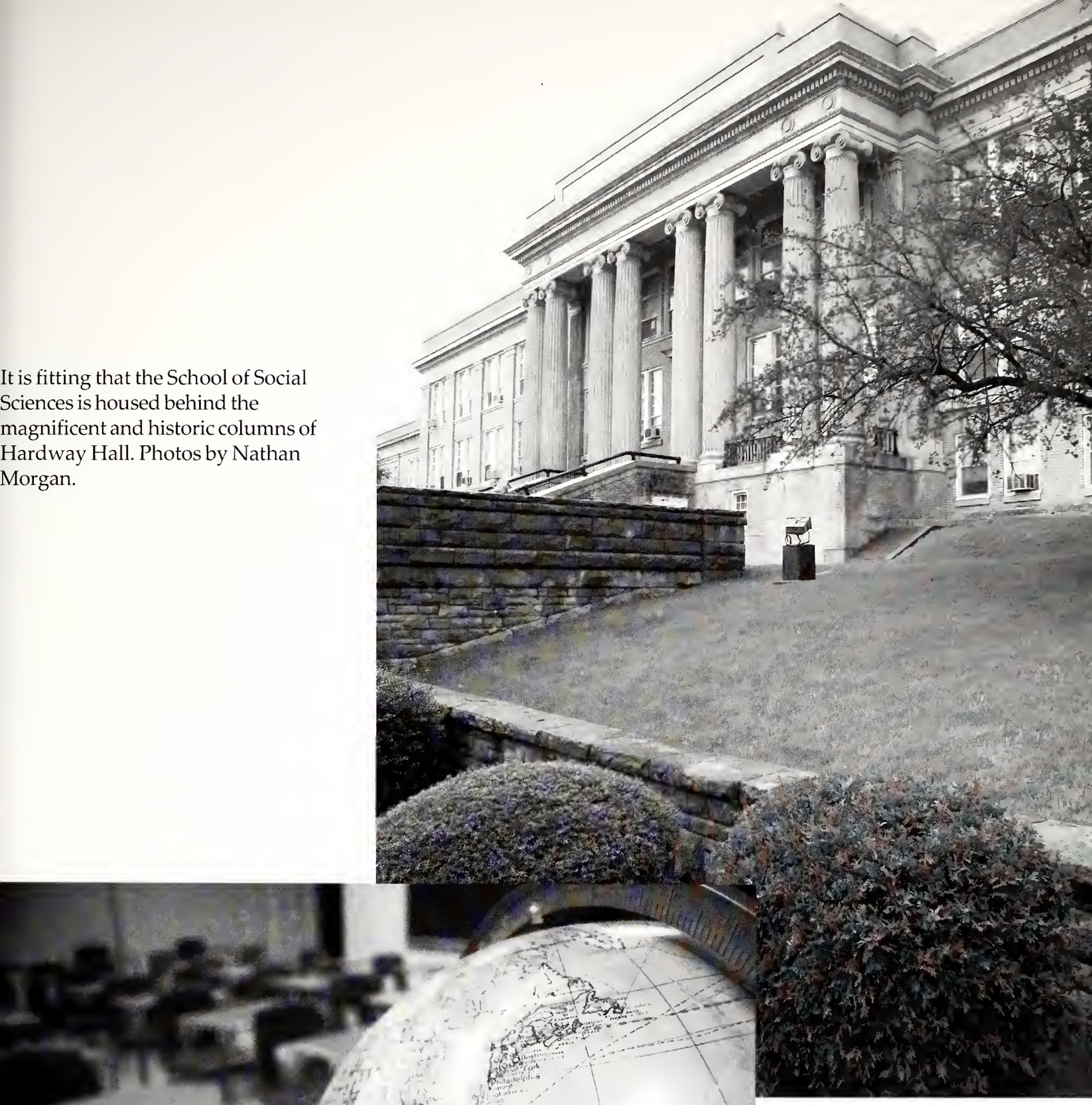
Society today is changing at an unprecedented fast pace and is becoming more and more complex. Such changes in society call for changes within the curriculum. This is why the School of Social Science is always restructuring their classes to fit the world around them.

Through both teaching and research, the School of Social Sciences strives to analyze today's society and to seek solutions to the various problems that it faces. The School of Social Science is a very diverse school. Students travel from all over the United States to attend classes here, and even around the world. This makes the experience for other students even more worth while.

Students leaving the School of Social Science are prominent choices in the work force today. Most students go straight into the work force to make a difference in issues concerning local governments, state governments, and the country's diplomatic processes in Washington D.C.

The School of Social Sciences classes are held in the historic Hardway Building, and the school was chaired by Dr. Elaine Bartgis.

It is fitting that the School of Social Sciences is housed behind the magnificent and historic columns of Hardway Hall. Photos by Nathan Morgan.



The School of Social Science helps students understand the world around them.

School of Technology

By: Justin Van Slyke

With Technology changing in the blink of the eye, Fairmont State has always been there to help students develop the type of training they will need to help them in the real world. The School offers hands-on knowledge and promotes skill building for jobs in the disciplines of Graphics Technology, Aviation, Engineering, and Family/ Consumer Sciences.

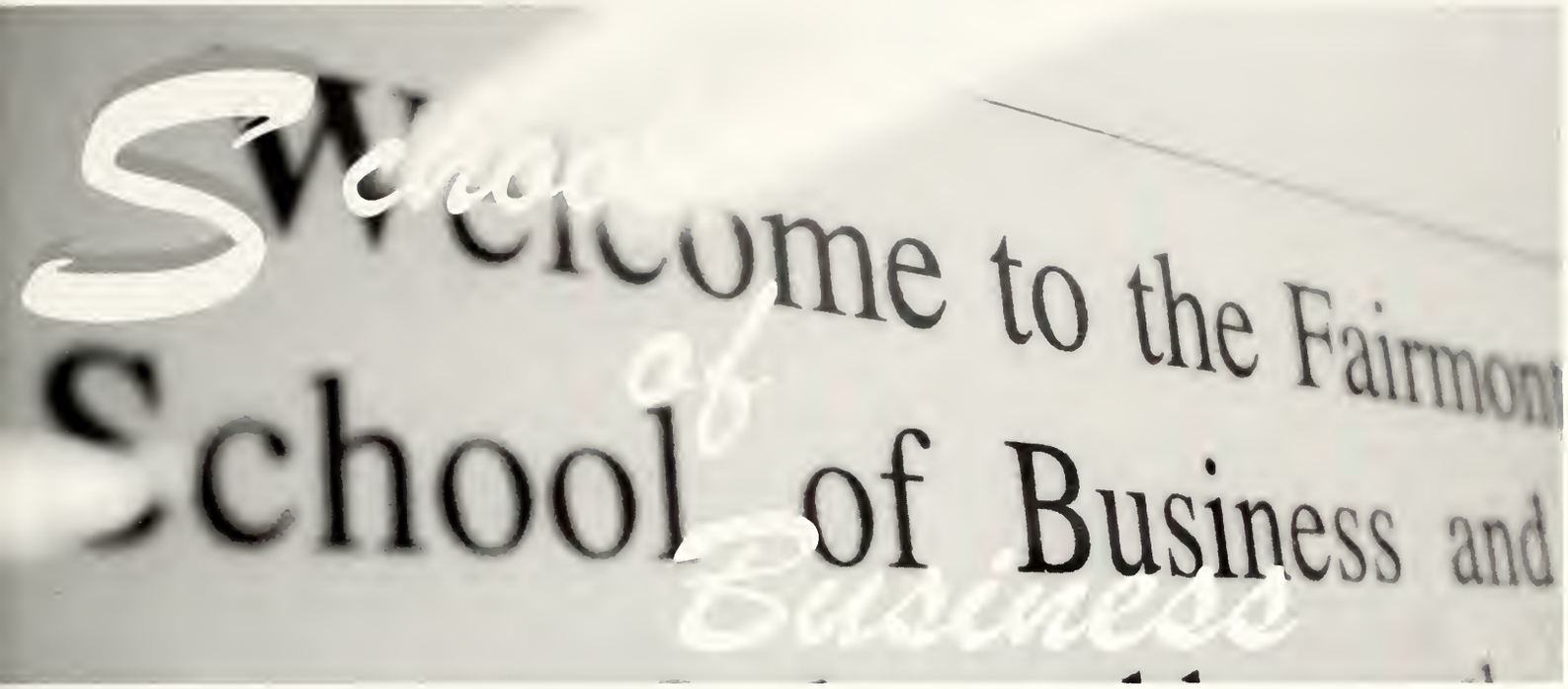
Some of the ways the School helps students pursue is in the up to date facilities available on campus. They have design studios, laboratories with engineering software applications, date acquisition/automated control system, soil and hydraulic and material processing and testing. The School of Technology has always been there to guide students in the right path to a bright future.

The goal of the School of Technology is to provide a focus and a framework for all of its departments to formulate and express views pertinent to technology, both within and outside Fairmont State, recognizing that technology has its own priorities and its own criteria for success: above all, technology departments recognize a duty to influence and be influenced by society at large and to work towards their educational experience here at Fairmont State.

The Robert C. Byrd Aerospace Center is also part of the School of Technology. Photos by Nathan Morgan.

Senior CJ Prat is working on his senior project. He is an electronic engineering major.

The School of Technology is also home to the Laboratory Preschool, where eary childhood development majors get hands-on experience in a preschool environment.



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The Fairmont State School of Business has been widely known for providing courses in business, finance, accounting, and in many specific areas of management.

The School's teaching staff has many years of experience in research and teaching in the fields to educate the Business students of Fairmont State. One of their visions is to be a center of excellence in business practice and professional development.

Students leaving Fairmont State with a four year degree are most likely to find a job before they graduate. The School of Business has a high employment rate that reflects their commitment to developing relevant knowledge, practical and professional skills to its students.

The School of Business has always offered a high quality undergraduate education for students all around the world. Students that attend the school of business are from all over the state, across the country, and even the world, which makes Fairmont State a prominent place for higher education. The School of Business also seeks to find the best quality teachers to represent the school of business, and to integrate quality teaching with a quality education.

The School of Business also gave the students within the school a chance to learn about business outside of their country. In the summer of 2004, students will embark on the first "Doing Business in Germany" Travel Study Program. The travel study gave students a chance to have cultural experiences and to learn about topics such as international business and corporate and public policing issues. The students will also have a chance to attend seminars on German culture and public policing issues, a tour of a new General Motors plant and assembly line where Opel cars are built, a visit to the BMW museum. This is just one of the many programs designed for students at the School of Business to get a real taste of the real world after they graduate.

School of Science

By: Justin Van Slyke *Photo by Nathan Morgan*

The Fairmont State School of Science and Mathematics is one of the best in the state. It encompasses biology, chemistry, computer science, mathematics, physics/physical science, and science education programs. Through a challenging curriculum, the School of Science and Mathematics has molded many graduates in the state of West Virginia over the years.

The Science and Mathematics program has always placed their focus on the students and innovative teaching. This is accompanied by interactive learning technologies so that students may achieve the highest level of proficiency in quantitative interpretation, critical assessment of information and effective communication. Their intent is to foster a long-term economic security by giving students the skills to grow culturally and professionally throughout their lives.

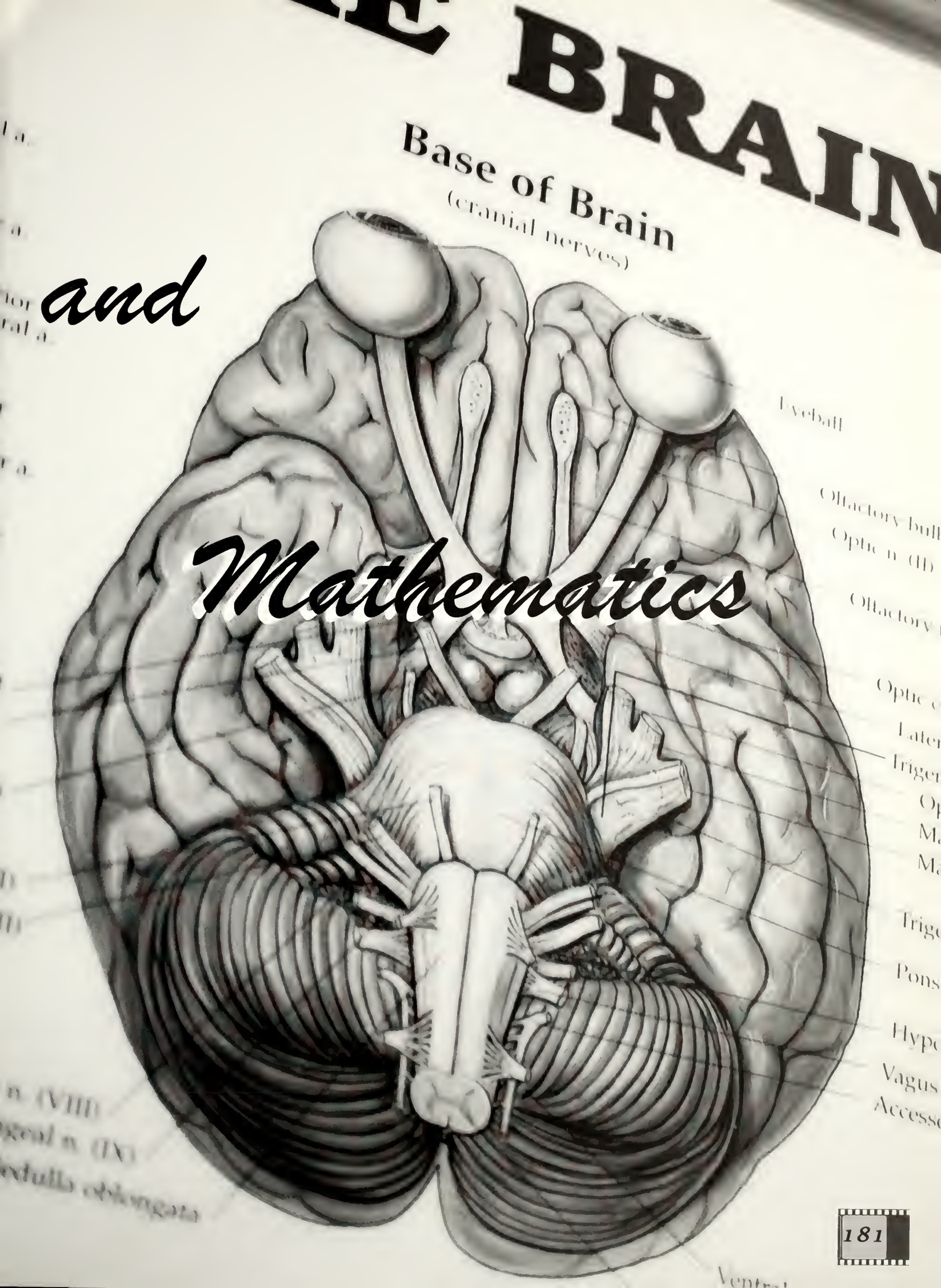
The school is split into many parts to give students a chance to see what they are really interested in before focusing on just one subject. Each department within the school is unique in its own way.

The biology department is focused on student-centered interactive learning experiences. Students have conducted many different field researches around the state of West Virginia. One of the most popular experiences is the study of acid mine drainage into the West Fork River. This helps students understand even more than just classroom environment lectures.

The chemistry program is also a highly respected branch in the School of Science and Mathematics. This branch offers bachelor of science degrees in chemistry and forensics. The majority of faculty members are actively engaged in undergraduate-based research and curriculum development to help students achieve their specific goals after graduation.

The computer science program has been busy all year working on finishing a new computer security lab. Last year the computer science department received $300,000 to build a new computer security laboratory. In completion to this, the school will be able to offer a bachelor of science degree in computer security, making one more prestigious degree offered at Fairmont State to attract more students to attend.

School of Science and Mathematics graduates are very successful in gaining employment in their chosen field. This reflects highly on the quality and excellence at Fairmont State.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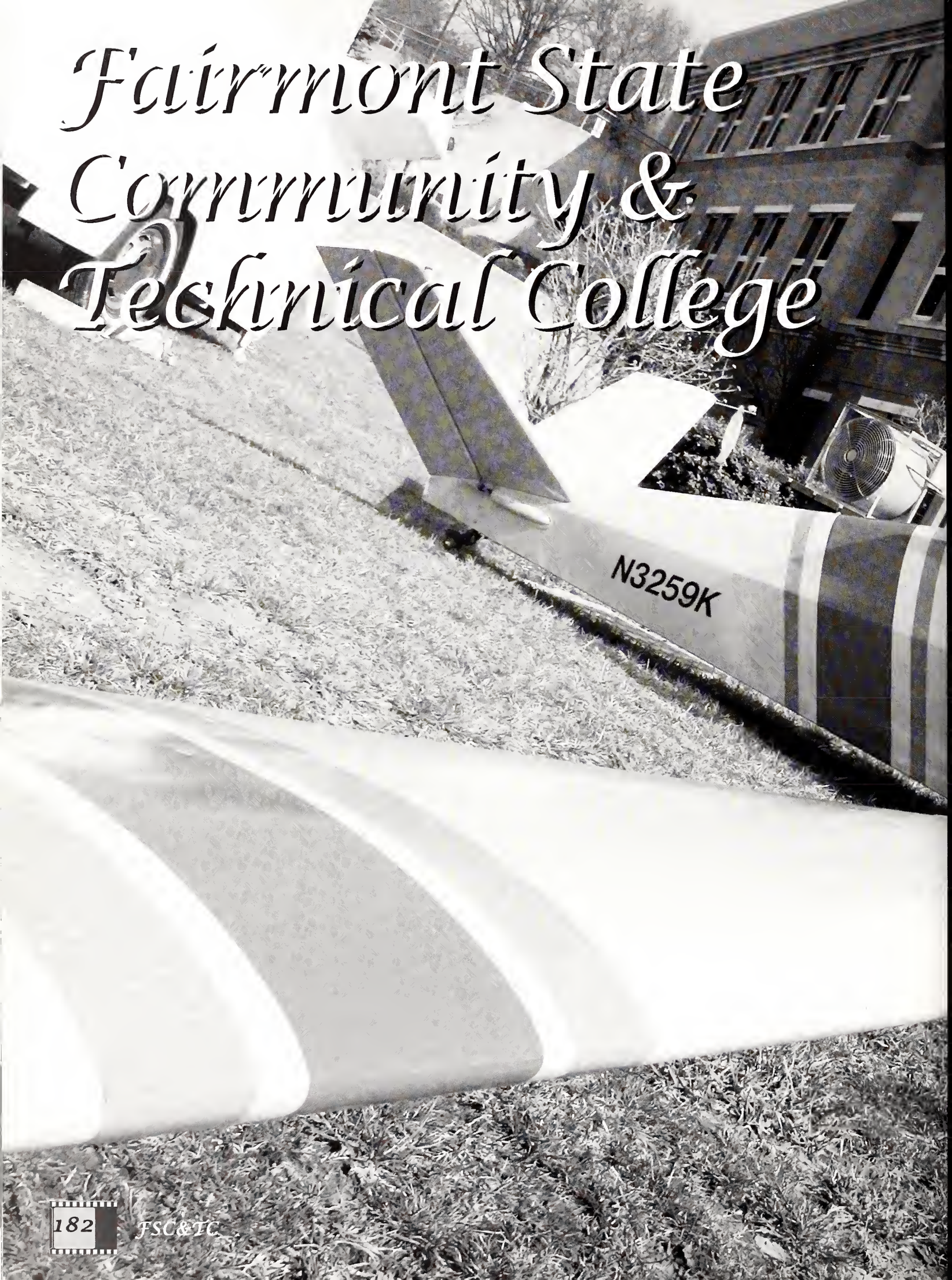


FSC&TC provides all kinds of training in the aviation industry at the Robert C. Byrd National Aerospace Education Center. Photos by Nathan Morgan.

This view of the Gaston Caperton Center was photographed by John Piscitelli.

The Laboratory Preschool is part of the Early Childhood program at FSC&TC.

Where You Live Learning

By Katie Wilson

Since the division of the institution of Fairmont State into Fairmont State University and Fairmont State Community & Technical College, the FSC&TC has worked hard to develop its own distinct persona. The College has a wide variety of services, campuses and degree programs that make it an institution devoted to community development in all its forms.

Fairmont State Community & Technical College has been helping businesses, their employees and the community in general since 1974. The FSC&TC serves approximately 2,500 students each year through their 40 certificate and degree programs, strong academic programs, community education, small business and workforce development programs.

FSC&TC offers two-year degree programs designed to help students meet the challenges of today's workplace. Associate degrees provide students with the opportunity to continue their education while learning technical skills to help them on the job. In addition, many of the associate programs transfer to Fairmont State's baccalaureate programs to provide students with a seamless educational transition. Through FSC&TC, students can study a wide variety of subjects, from general studies to nursing, homeland security, and sign language interpreting.

Every effort has been made to ensure the Gaston Caperton Center in Clarksburg is a comfortable place to study, learn and work. Photos by John Piscitelli.

Community

By Katie Wilson

FSC&TC is also the home of the Community Education Program. The CEP is designed as a noncredit program with a commitment to lifetime learning. The CEP offers lots of different classes for everyone from children to senior citizens. Classes in arts and crafts, health and wellness, ballroom dancing, foreign language, even basic computer and Internet usage are available in several different counties throughout the region.

The Fairmont State Community & Technical College Regional Small Business Development Center is a member of the West Virginia Small Business Development Center Program coordinated through the West Virginia Development Office. The regional SBDC provides a variety of services to small businesses throughout the region, including business consulting, problem solving, business start-up assistance, loan packaging and small business training.

The Center for Workforce Education (CWE) is yet another service provided to businesses throughout the region by FSC&TC. The CWE brings together faculty, trainers and consultants from nine counties to assist businesses with employee training. The CWE can provide on site assessment and training to help businesses succeed.

"Live here, work here, learn here – in your own community." This phrase has become the hallmark of FSC&TC. While the administrative offices of the College are on the main campus in Fairmont, the FSC&TC students are actually learning all over an eight – county area. Satellite campuses in Harrison, Taylor, Barbour, Doddridge, Monongalia, Preston and Randolph counties, as well as additional campuses such as the Robert C. Byrd National Aerospace Education Center outside of Bridgeport and the Gaston Caperton Center in Clarksburg bring the College to the students. In this way, students really do live and work where they learn.

Bon Appetit!

By Jessica Lawson *Photos by Nathan Morgan*

National accreditation was achieved for Fairmont State Community & Technical College's Culinary Arts program through the American Culinary Federation Accrediting Commission.

In 1970, when the program began, it mainly housed home economics, but in 1996 the program started making the transition into the Food Service Management department. FSC&TC's Associate of Applied Science degree program in Food Service Management with a Specialization in Culinary Arts was one of only two programs in the state to receive the accreditation.

"Our facilities have the highest standards of sanitation as well as the best in quality equipment," said chef-instructor Brian A. Floyd, who was one of only two Certified Executive Chefs in the state of West Virginia. "Students receive an enriched experience both from a better curriculum as well as hands-on labs." Floyd has been with FSC & TC since 1996 and has held the title of chef-instructor for the past two years.

Student Michelle Carpenter pauses to show off her latest dish.

In the past two years enrollment more than doubled from 15 students to 35 and is expected to double again in the next two to three years, according to Floyd.

Students are introduced to a network of local restaurants for internships throughout the program, Floyd said. When students complete their degree they are ready for employment in a number of different places such as restaurants, hotels, resorts and cruise ships, just to name a few.

Since the US restaurant industry is the nation's largest employer (11.3 million) besides the government, the demand for culinary professionals is growing. According to the National Restaurant Association, it is estimated that the demand will grow 48 percent by 2005, projected to be 3.3 million.

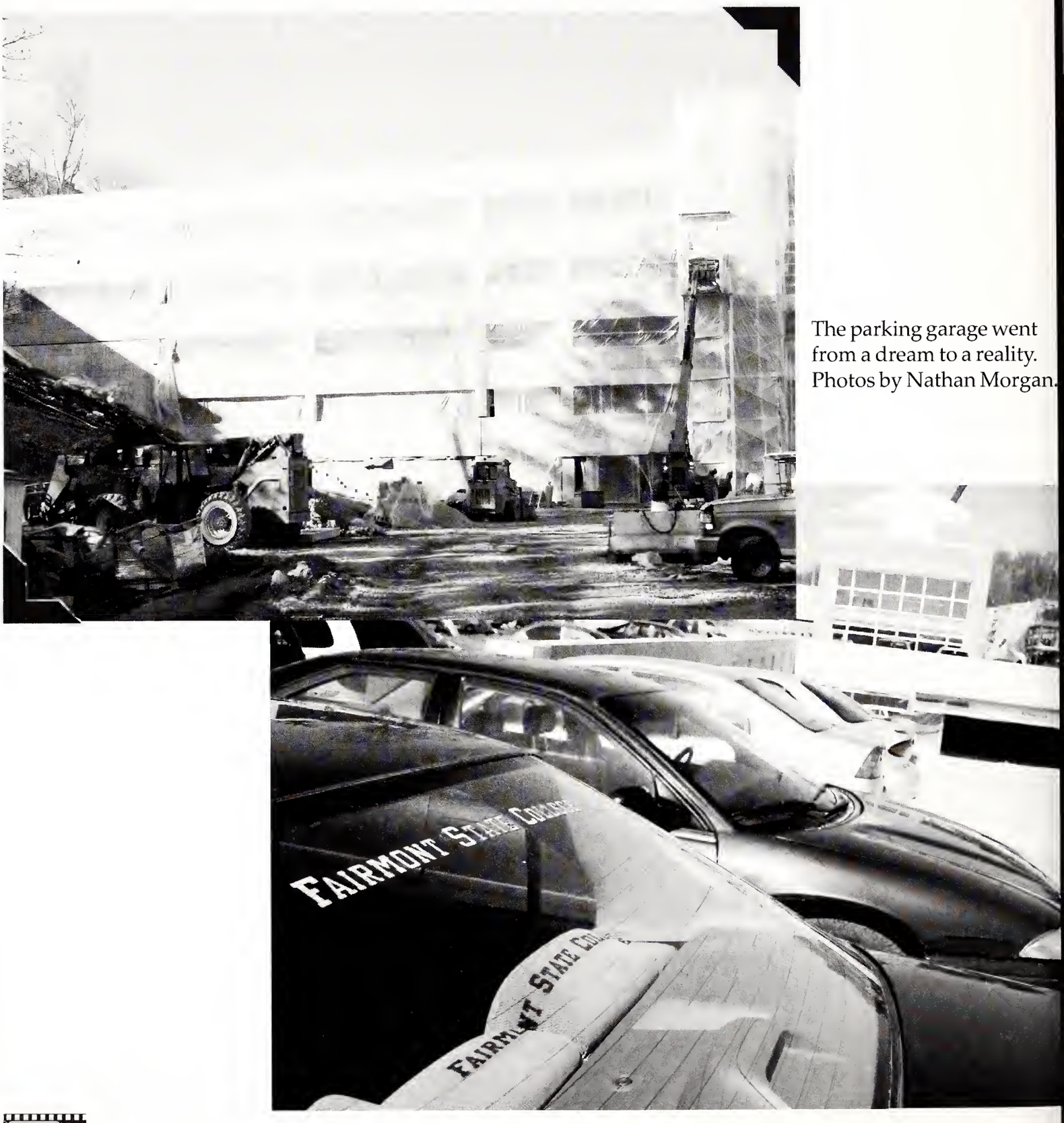
FSC&TC offers a Food Service Management degree with a specialization in either Culinary Arts or Dietary Management. The Culinary Arts Program consists of a great deal of hands-on practice as well as the expected development of outside food practicum. Students get the classic chef uniform with a knife set, which is all a part of the tuition and fees.

Dietary managers work in hospitals, long-term care facilities, correctional facilities, and many other places. They direct and control menu planning, food purchasing, food production and service, financial management, employee recruitment, training, and supervision.

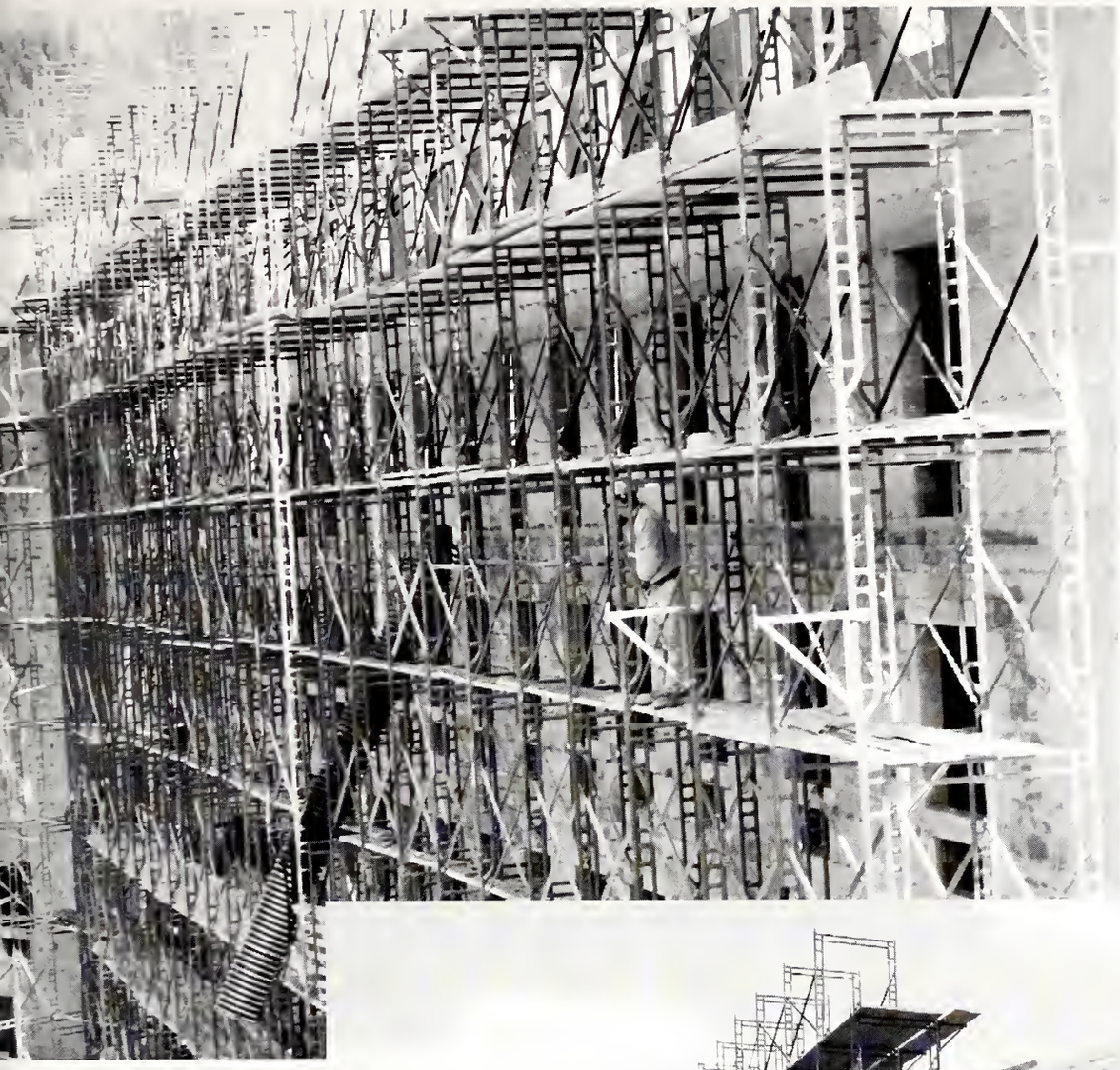
According to the DMA member survey in 1999, 100% of dietary managers said they liked their jobs and that it was a great challenge and good long-term career.

The US Dept. of Labor said that employment in food service is not very sensitive to economic conditions, so ongoing employment is a good bet.

So what developed?



The parking garage went from a dream to a reality. Photos by Nathan Morgan.



Bryant Place began to take shape.

The framework for the new recreation center began to fill up the space between Jaynes Hall and Colebank Hall. Photos by Nathan Morgan.

And one of the biggest
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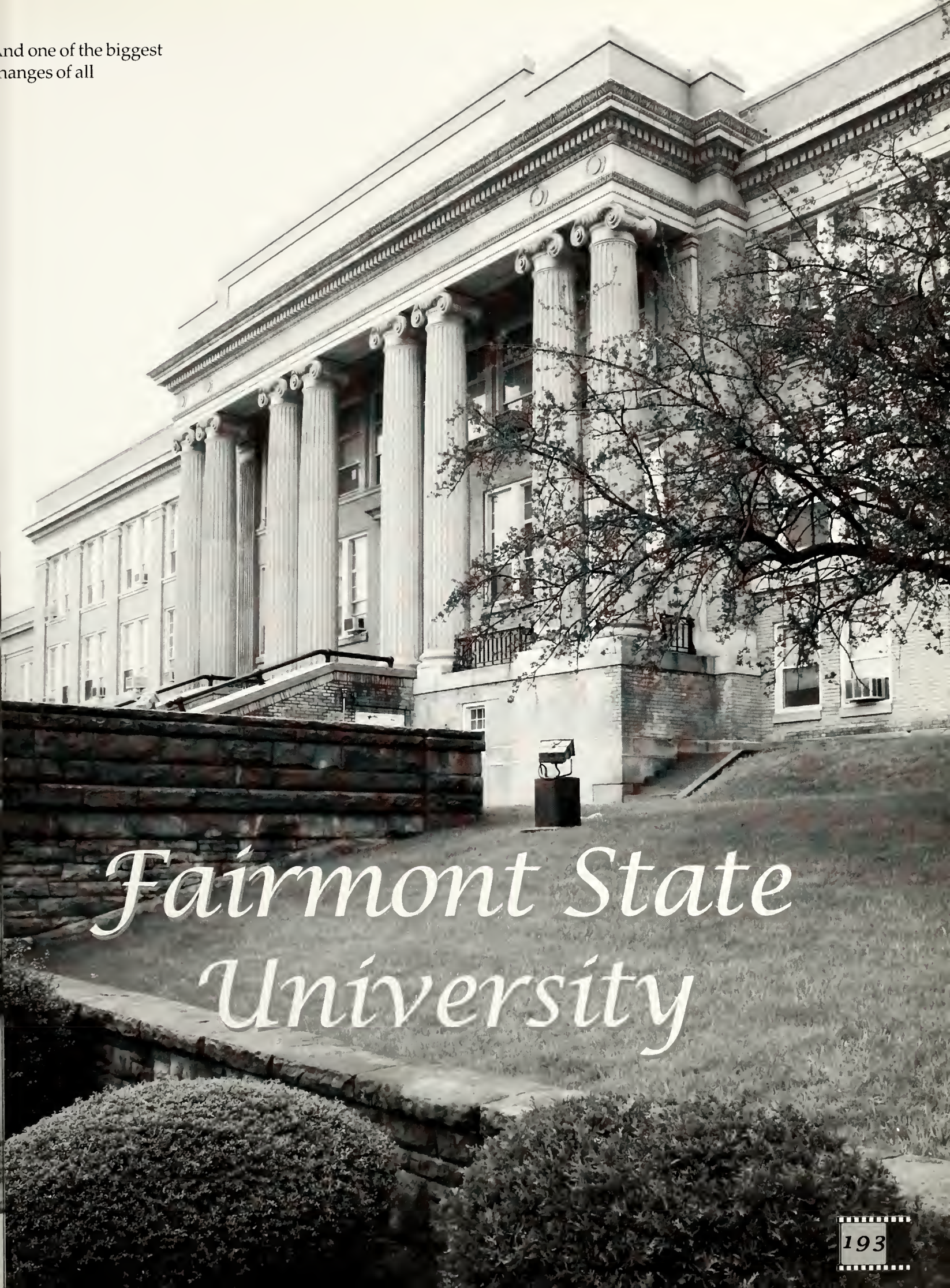

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